height at which it wishes to attach or in the case of Met-Ed, the minimum height at which it wishes to attach. Within ten (10) days after the receipt of such application, it shall be approved or disapproved by the Cwner, except that if rearrangements or pole replacement are required to make the pole suitable for joint use and the Cwner is otherwise willing to have the said pole so included, the Cwner shall so notify the Licensee, and after the completion of such rearrangements or replacement shall within ten (10) days issue a permit to the Licensee.

- (b) Whenever any jointly used pole or any pole about to be so used under the provisions of this agreement, is insufficient in height or strength for the existing attachments and for the proposed immediate additional attachments thereon, the Owner shall promptly replace such pole with a new pole of the necessary height ani/or strength and shall make such other changes in the existing pole line in which such pole is included as the conditions may then require and shall remove and retain the old pole, and Owner shall bear all of the expenses other than the Licensee expense, if any, for transferring its own facilities from the old to the new pole, except as provided for in Article VIII.
- (c) Each party shall place, transfer and rearrange its own attachments, including any tree trimming or cutting incidental thereto, Owner of pole shall place any anchor guy red required for use of both parties of sufficient size and strength to hold guys of both parties, and shall own, place, and maintain such guy reds at its sole expense. Each party shall provide, at its sole expense, such other guys as each may require for its own separate use. Each party shall at all times perform such work promptly and in such manner as not to interfere with the service of the other party.

#### ARTICLE V

#### ESTABLISHING JOINT USE OF NEW POLES

- (a) Whenever either party hereto requires new pole facilities within the territory covered by this agreement, either as an additional pole line, or an extension of an existing pole line, or in connection with the reconstruction of an existing pole line, and such pole facilities are not to be excluded from joint use under the provisions of Article I, it shall promptly notify the other party to that effect, showing the proposed location and character of the new poles and the character of circuits it desires to use thereon. Within a reasonable length of time after the receipt of such notification, it shall be approved or disapproved by the other party.
- (b) Each party shall place its own attachments on the new joint poles, and do any tree trimming or cutting incidental thereto, and shall perform such work promptly and in such manner as not to interfere with the service of the other party. Owner of pole shall place any anchor guy rod required for use of both parties of sufficient size and strength to hold guys of both parties and shall own, place and maintain such guy rods at its sole expense. Each party shall provide at its sole expense such other guys as each may require for its own deparate use. Each party shall at all times perform such work promptly and in such manner as not to interfere with the service of the other party.

(c) Owner shall provide and maintain pole suitable for joint use at its sole expense, except as provided for in Article VIII.

## ARTICLE VI

## RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Each party will obtain its own necessary rights-of-way from the property owners, municipalities, or others.

#### ARTICLE VII

## MAINTENANCE OF POLES AND ATTACHMENTS

- (a) The Cumer shall maintain its joint poles in a safe and serviceable condition and in accordance with the openifications mentioned in Article III and shall replace such of said poles as become defective.
- (b) When replacing a jointly used pole carrying terminals of aerial cable, underground connections, or transformer equipment, the new pole shall be set in the same hole which the replaced pole occupied unless special conditions make it necessary to set it in a different location.
- (c) Whenever it is necessary to replace or to change the location of a jointly used pole, the Owner shall before making such replacement or change in location give notice thereof in writing (except in case of emergency, when verbal notice will be given and subsequently continued in writing) to the Licensee, specifying in such notice the time of such proposed replacement or relocation. Licensee shall notify Owner in writing of its acceptance of the location or shall request the Owner for an alternate location which will be mutually acceptable. The Licensee shall at the time so specified transfer its attachments to the pole at the new location.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in Section (e) of this Article, each party shall at all times exintain all of its attachments, including my wires, and any necessary tree triming or cutting incidental thereto, in accordance with the specifications mentioned in Article III and shall heap them in safe condition and thereugh repair provided, however, that neither party shall be required to rearrange any cable installed prior to the date of this agreement.
- (e) Any existing joint use construction of the parties, which is subject to the provisions of this agreement and which does not conform to the requirements of Article III hereof, shall be brought into conformity therewith in the most practical and economical manner as attachments thereon are rearranged or renewed, or as the poles are relocated or renewed, provided, however, that neither party shall be required to rearrange any cable installed prior to the date of this agreement. When such existing joint use construction shall have been brought into conformity with said Article III, it shall at all times thereafter be maintained in accordance with sections (a) and (d) of this Article.

(f) The cost of maintaining poles and attachments and of bringing existing joint use construction into conformity with said specifications shall be borne by the parties hereto in the manner provided in Articles IV, V and VIII.

## ARTICLE VIII

#### BILLING OF COSTS

- (a) In cases where the construction of a new pole line or the extension of an existing pole line is contemplated by either party and there is a possibility that the poles might be used jointly, the Comer shall so advise the other party and make inquiry as to whether it desires to attach to the poles being installed. If, after the other party has declined and the Comer has installed poles suitable only for its commune, the other party, within three years from the date of the inquiry, decides that it desires to attach to the poles, then the Comer will provide poles suitable for joint use and the other party will reimburse the Comer for any non-betterment costs involved in so doing. Conversely, should the other party accept, and the Comer installs poles suitable for joint use, the other party will submit applications for attachments within one year of the completion of the installation. In the event such party fails to make application within such one-year period, it shall reimburse the Comer for any such non-betterment costs as aforesaid.
- (b) Should the Cumer, when requested by Licensee to replace poles with larger or different poles, find that such replacement will become an excessive operating or financial burden upon it, such Owner may request Licensee to take over the replacement thereof and, upon mutual agreement, Licensee may replace such poles with poles then suitable for joint use and shall be, and continue as, the Owner thereof under the terms of this agreement.

## SEE AMENDMENT 1.1-74 --- ARTICLE IX

### RENTALS

- (a) Where the ownership of the pole is vested in Telephone, Met-Ei will pay to Telephone for the first year or frontion thereof, and each subsequent full year, for the use of each and every pole any portion of which is occupied by, or on which the right of joint use is specifically provided at Met-Ei's request in writing for the attachments of Met-Ei, excepting non-rental attachments as referred to in Article X, the sum of Six Pollars and Sixty Cents (\$6.60) per pole.
- (b) Where the ownership of the pole is vested in Net-Ei, Telephone will pay to Net-Ei for the first year or fraction thereof, and each subsequent full year, for the use of each and each may portion of which is occupied by, or on which the right of joint use the first cally provided at Telephone's request in writing for the attachments of Telephone agreeting non-rental attachments as referred to in Article X, the sum of Five Indians and Telephone (\$5.40) per pole.

- (c) The annual carrying charge of a joint use pole (presently \$12.00) and apportioned as rent (45% \$5.40 Telephone and 55% \$5.60 Net-Id) shall be reviewed for possible adjustment at least every five (5) years. Adjustment may be made upon mutual agreement in writing by the parties hereto and will be then understood to be within the scope of this agreement.
- (d) Mental payments hereunder shall be payable on the last day of December each year during the continuance of this agreement for the year ending Movember 30 and shall be based upon a written statement to be submitted by each party hereto to the other on or before the 15th day of December, giving the number of poles on which space is occupied by or is provided for, the attachments of the other party.
- (e) The effective rental date of each Fermit shall be the date that such Permit was approved by the Cwner as shown thereon.

## LE AMENDMENT 1-1-74

## ARTICLE X

## NON-RESTAL ATTACHMENTO

Poles used only for clearance or guying purposes shall be considered to be within the scope of this agreement but no rental shall be charged therefor. A pole shall be considered as used for clearance purposes if it is one which would not have been required or set by the attaching company had Comer's line been in a different location.

## ARTICLE XI

## PAYMENT OF TAXES

Each party shall pay all taxes and assessments lawfully levied on its own property attached to said jointly used poles, and the taxes and the assessments which are levied on said joint poles shall be paid by the Cwner thereof, except where municipal authorities levy assessments for joint occupancy in which case each party shall pay his own tax.

## ARTICLE XII

## LIABILITY AND DAMAGES

Whenever any liability is incurred by either or both of the parties hereto for damages for injuries to the employees or for injury to the property of either party, or for injuries to other persons or their property, arising out of the joint use of poles under this agreement, or due to the proximity of the wires and fixtures of the parties hereto attached to the jointly used poles covered by this agreement, the liability for such damages, as between the parties hereto, shall be as follows:

- (a) Each party shall be liable for all damages for such injuries to persons or property caused solely by its negligence or solely by its failure to comply at any time with the specifications herein provided for; provided that construction temporarily exempted from the application of said specifications under the provisions of Section (e) of Article VII shall not be deemed to be in violation of said specifications during the period of such exemption.
- (b) Each party shall be liable for all damages for such injuries to its own employees or its own property as are caused by the negligence of both parties hereto or that are due to causes which cannot be traced to the sole negligence of either party.
- (c) Each party shall be liable for one-half  $\binom{1}{2}$  of all damages for such injuries to persons other than employees of either party, and for one-half  $\binom{1}{2}$  of all damages for such injuries to property not belonging to either party that are caused by the negligence of both parties hereto or that are due to causes which cannot be traced to the sole negligence of either party.
- (d) Where, on account of injuries of the character described in the preceding paragraphs of this Article, either porty hereto shall make any payments to injured employees or to their relatives or representatives in conformity with (1) the provision of any workmen's compensation act or any act creating a liability in the employer to pay compensation for personal injury to an employee by accident arising out of and in the course of the employment, whether based on negligence on part of the employer or not, or (2) any plan for employee's disability benefits or death benefits now established or hereafter adopted by the parties hereto or either of them, such payments shall be construed to be damages within the terms of the preceding paragraphs numbered (a) and (b) and shall be paid by the parties hereto accordingly.
- (e) All claims for damages wrising horeunder that are asserted against or affect both parties hereto shall be dealt with by the parties hereto jointly; provided, however, that in any case union the provisions of paragraph (c) of this Article where the claimant desires to settle any such claim upon terms acceptable to one of the parties hereto but not to the other, the party to which said terms are acceptable may, at its election, pay to the other party one-half (a) of the expense which such settlement would involve, and thereupon said other party shall be bound to protect the party making such payment from all further liability and expense on account of such claim.
- (f) In the adjustment between the parties hereto of any claim for damages arising hereunder, the liability assumed hereunder, by the parties shall include, in addition to the amounts paid to the claimant, all empenses incurred by the parties in connection therewith, which shall comprise costs, attorneys' fees, disbursements and other proper charges and expenditures.

#### ARTICLE XIII

### EXISTING RIGHTS OF OTHER PARTIES

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as affecting the rights or privileges previously conferred by Chaer, by contract or otherwise, on third parties to use any poles covered by this permit; and Omer shall have

the right to continue and extend such rights or privileges. The permission herein granted shall at all times be subject to such existing contracts and arrangements and to extensions and renewals thereof.

### ARTICLE XIV

#### ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

Except as otherwise provided in the Agreement, neither party hereto shall assign or otherwise dispose of this Agreement or any of its rights or interests hereunder, or in any of the jointly used poles, or the attachments or rights-of-way covered by this Agreement, to any firm, corporation or individual, without the written consent of the other party; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent or limit the right of either party, nor shall such written consent be required, to mortgage any or all of its property, rights, privileges, and franchises, or to enter into any lease or transfer of all of them to another corporation organized for the purpose of conjucting business of the same general character as that of such party, or to enter into any marger or consolidation; and, in case of the foreclosure of such mortgage; or in case of such lease, transfer, marger or consolidation, its rights and colligations hereunder shall pass to, and be acquired and assumed by, the purchaser on foreclosure, the transferse, leasee, assignee, merging, or consolidating company, as the case may be.

## ARTICLE XV

## ABANDONMENT OF JOINTLY USED POLES

- (a) The Licensee may at any time abendon the use of a jointly used pole by removing its attachments therefrom and by giving notice of said action to the Owner. Licensee shall not be responsible for any detriments, damages, losses, liabilities, claims, demands, suits, costs, or expenses of any kind or description arising solely from conditions or actions existing or occurring after receipt of such notice and pertaining to the presence, maintenance, operation, or removal of such pole or the facilities thereon; provided, however, that liabilities incurred prior to said notice shall not be affected thereby.
- (b) The Owner may at any time abandon the use of a jointly used pole by removing its facilities therefrom and giving the Licensee thirty (30) days notice thereof, in duplicate, on a form which shell be filled in so as to tender the transfer of title to Licensee. If Licensee shall not within said thirty (30) days have notified Owner of its intention also to abandon said joint pole, all the rights and liabilities of Owner in and to said joint pole shall be vested absolutely in Licensee, and Licensee shall thereafter save Owner harmless from all detriments, damages, losses, liabilities, claims, demands, suits, costs and expenses of every kind and description arising solely from any conditions or actions existing or occurring after the empiration of such notice period and pertaining to the presence, maintenance, operation, or removal of such pole or the facilities theraon; provided, however, that liabilities i curred prior to said expiration shall not be affected thereby.

If Licensee shell have notified Owner of its intention also to abandon said pole but shell nevertheless have failed to remove its attachments therefrom within thirty (30) days from the date of its notice of intention to abandon, all the rights and liabilities of the Owner shall pass to Licensee at the end of such second thirty (30) day period as if no declaration of intent had ever been made by Licensee. If Licensee shell notify Owner of its intention also to abandon said joint pole and shall remove its facilities therefrom within the time set forth herein, all the rights and liabilities of the Cumer to said pole shall remain as theretofore.

(c) If Licensee elects to continue to use said jointly used pole after Owner has removed its facilities therefrom, Licensee shall pay to Owner such equitable sum for said pole as may be agreed upon by the parties, but failure to agree upon the amount of said payment shall not in any way affect the time of the change in the rights and liabilities of the parties to said pole.

## ARTICLE XVI

#### **DEFAULTS**

If either party shall make default in any of its obligations under this contract and such default continued sixty (60) days after notice thereof in writing from the other party, the other party hereunder may, at its option, forthwith terminate this agreement as far as concerns future granting of joint use, or may remove, at the expense of the desculting party, the attachments as to which such default exists, or both. Such removal or termination shall not be construed as a waiver of the right to enforce collection of any sums already due.

## ARTICLE XVII

#### WAIVER OF TERMS OR COMMITTIONS

The failure of either party to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions of this agreement shall not constitute a general valver or relinquisiment of any such terms or conditions, but the same shall be and remain at all times in full force and effect.

## ARTICLE MYILL

## TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be effective as of January 1, 1967, and subject to the provisions of Article XVI herein, this agreement may be terminated, so far as concerns further granting of Joint Use by either party, on or after the first day of January, 1968, upon sixty (60) days notice in writing to the other party, provided that if not so terminated it shall continue in force thereafter until terminated by either party at any time upon sixty (60) days notice in writing to the other party as aforesaid, and provided further that notwith-

standing such termination this agreement shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all poles jointly used by the parties at the time of such termination.

## ARTICLE XIX

## GUIDE TO PRACTICE

To establish uniform practices and procedures applying to the joint use of poles under the terms of this agreement, it is understood that both parties to this agreement will collaborate in preparing a "Guide to Practice" manual which will interpret the terms of the agreement and working practices to be followed and will prescribe the forms to be used. It is understood that no terms or conditions of this agreement will be altered by the Guide to Practice and, furthermore, that any interpretations resulting from this Guide to Practice may be changed at any time by mutual consent.

## ARTICLE XX

## CANCELLATION OF FREVIOUS ACREEMENTS

The following pole attachment permits and agreements shall be and the same hereby are cancelled and terminated:

- 1. Attachment Permit No. HE-MT-1 dated September 18, 1942 from Metropolitan Edison Company to York Telephone and Telegraph Company.
- 2. Attachment Permit No. YF-NE-1 dated September 18, 1942 from York Telephone and Telegraph Company to Metropolitan Riison Company.
- 3. Attachment Permit No. ME-YET-1 dated May 28, 1954 from Metropolitan Edison Company to York Eastern Telephone Company.
- 4. Attachment Permit No. YET-ME-1 dated May 28, 1954 from York Edstern Telephone Company to Metropolitan Elison Company.
- 5. Any and all other pole attachment permits, licenses or agreements by and between the parties hereto, or their respective predecessors in interest, not hereinabove set forth.

## ARTICLE YXI

## TRANSFER OF OUTSTANDING PERMITS

All pole parmits heretofore issued and now outstanding under any and all agreements cancelled by Article XX hereof shall be deemed to have been reissued pursuant to this agreement and shall be and remain subject to all of the terms, provisions and conditions hereof.

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III WITHESS WHIREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed in duplicate, and their corporate seals to be affixed thereto by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, on the 22mp day of may 1967.

METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY

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Vice President

Attest:

Secretary

YORK TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY

Operating Vice resident

Attest:

ASSISTANT Secretary

#### GUIDE TO PRACTICE

Nother of 76 In Connection With General Joint Use Agreement Between

Metropolitan Edison Company

and

York Telephone and Telegraph Company

Dated: May 22, 1957 Effective: January 1, 1967

To establish uniform practices and procedures applying to joint use of poles under the terms of the General Joint Use Agreement, effective January 1, 1967, between the Metropolitan Edison Company (Met-Fd) and the York Telephone and Telegraph (Telephone), the following interpretation of the terms of the Agreement and working practices is herein set forth. It is understood that nothing herein contained shall alter or cancel any part or parts of this Agreement and, furthermore, that these interpretations may be changed at any time by mutual consent upon request of either party. Only those parts of the agreement needing interpretation are included horein; for all parts not included, refer to General Joint Use Agreement.

## I INTERPRETATION OF AGREEMENT

## ARTICLE XV ABANDONENT OF JOINTLY USED POLES

An equitable sum as stated in this Article shall be the depreciated value of a pole which is high enough for the Licensea's requirements based on the Licensor's current pole prices.

## I. GENERAL

## A. JOINT FIELD REVIEW

From past experience, Joint Field Reviews of proposed construction and reconstruction of pole lines have been found indispensable in securing the proper application of provisions governing the joint use of such plant.

It is agreed that neither Company will underbuild or overbuild on separate parallel poles on the same side of the thoroughfare without having mutual consent.

## B. UNAUTHORIZED ATTACHMENTS

It is agreed in order to insure the successful operation of this agreement that no unauthorized attachments on the part of either Company will be permitted. Exceptions will be made for emergency attachments; such as, services and others which cannot reasonably be covered jointly in the field before installing. Therefore, each Company will immediately initiate internal and inter-departmental routines to guarantee that the Owner is promptly notified when attachments are made.

## C. NEUTRAL SPACE

The neutral space is provided for the protection of the workmen and plant of both parties. Therefore, it is important that both Companies cooperate fully in preventing attachments which encroach in this space.

## D. IMPORTANT PRECAUTIONS

## 1. Adherence to Specifications

Past experience with joint use of poles indicates that there should be a stricter adherence to the specifications in regard to:

- (a) Climbing space
- (b) Position of ground wires
- (c) Position of guy wires
- (d) Position of insulation levels and guy insulators
- (e) Congestion of drop-loops (services), especially on transformer poles
- (f) Maintaining required clearances between services (drop-loops) of both Companies to and on customers' buildings.

- g) Special emphasis to separ: telephone service lines from electric company ground leads
- (h) Telephone service on high voltage poles

## 2. Grounding of Cable Messenger and Protector Grounds

(Refer to Amendment dated May 20, 1974 under Article titled "PROTECTION".)

## 3. Bonding and/or Grounding of Street Light Brackets

(Refer to Amendment dated May 20, 1974 under Article titled "PROTECTION".)

## E. MISCELLANEOUS

## 1. Disposition of Poles to be Removed

In connection with the replacement or removal of a jointly used pole, where feasible, both Companies will arrange to cooperate in the transfer of facilities to the new pole so that Owner may remove the old pole without delay. It is the Owner's obligation to remove the old pole unless otherwise designated.

It is the duty of both parties to make certain that the other party's wires are neither touched nor disturbed.

#### 2. Emergency Pole Replacement by Licensee

In emergency cases where Licensee discovers a hazardous pole condition requiring immediate attention, Licensee may proceed with the corrective work and bill owner. When time permits, the Owner's consent will first be secured. This practice is necessary in the interest of public safety.

#### II. FORMS

## A. JOINT USE FIELD NOTE FORM - EXHIBITS "A" & "B"

## 1. Use of Forms

- (a) This form will be used to notify either party as Owner or Licensce of proposals and/or requests involving joint use and by the other party to reply thereto. It will serve as an application and permit.
- (b) The preparation of this form shall be on a local office or district level and it will be used primarily between Metropolitan Edison and York Telephone and Telegraph Engineering offices. The preparation of this form is illustrated on attached specific examples. See Exhibits A & B.

## 2. Routing and Approval of Forms

Three (3) copies (more if required) will be prepared by Licensee.

## YT&T CO. ROUTING

## MET. ED. ROUTING

#1 Gentel Accounting

#1 Met. Ed. Accounting

#2 Met. Ed. District Engineering

#2 YT&T Division Engineering

#3 YT&T Division Enganeering

#3 Met. Ed. District Engineering

NOTE: Number 2 and 3 copies to be forwarded to other Company's Engineering Office. Number 3 copy to be returned to originator to signify acceptance or rejection.

## Numbering System

All Joint Use Field Note Forms will be identified by numbers. Field note numbers shall be assigned consecutively.

# (a) Forms Originated by York Telephone and Telegraph Company

Each form number will be prefixed with the letter "Y" to identify the Telephone Company followed by the letter "A" to designate Met. Ed. Co.

## (b) Forms Originated by Met. Ed. Co.

Each form number will be prefixed with the letter 'M' to identify the Power Company followed by the letter "Y" to designate York Telephone and Telegraph Company.

## 4. Number of Poles on One Field Note

Not more than 22 poles shall be included on one Field Note. These shall be no delineation as so area, civil division or telephone exchange.

## B. "NOTICE OF ABANDONNENT AND TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP" FORM - EXHIBIT "C"

- 1. In view of the possible time required by Licensee to complete studies to determine whether ownership will be accepted or whether it will likewise be abandoned, the Owner's intention will be conveyed promptly to the Licensee.
- 2. Upon physical removal of all of its attachments, Owner will prepare "Notice of Abandonment of Joint Poles and Transfer of Ownership" form (Exhibit C) and forward it to Licensee, who will execute same and return it to Owner within the time limit of thirty (30) days as specified in Article XV (b) of the Agreement. The effective date will be thirty (30) calendar days or less after owner executed form.
- 3. Six (6) copies of this form will be prepared by Owner. Two (2) will be signed by the authorized agent and the signatures will be conformed on the remaining copies. Two (2) conformed copies and the two (2) signed copies will be forwarded to Licensee who will affix signature of proper authorized agent to the two (2) signed copies and return the original to Owner.
- 4. Should Telephone be Owner of the abandoned pole, Mct-Ed may convey to Telephone title to one of its poles of equal size and age in exchange for the abandoned pole which Telephone will convey to Met-Ed. Ages within the steps listed in III-B-2 of this Guide shall be considered equal. Each company, as Owner, will prepare forms as in #3 above to accomplish the conveyances. Forms shall be cross referenced to each other.
- 5. All "Notice of Abandonment of Joint Poles and Transfer of Ownership" forms shall be identified by the same numbers assigned to the Field Notes.

## C. PROCEDURE OF REPORTING ATTACHMENTS

 A report must be made of all attachments made or space reserved by either party to poles of the other party.

## (a) Completion of Joint Use Field Note

## (1) Met-Ed Division District Code

A list of Met-Ed Districts is attached as Exhibit "D".

## (2) Met-Ed Pole Number

List the Met-Ed number of the jointly used pole.

### (3) Met-Ed Civil Division Code

Each Met-Ed District has been assigned a numerical code to identify the Civil Division in which the joint pole is located. A list of Met-Ed Civil Divisions and corresponding code numbers is attached as Exhibit "E".

## (4) York T&T Company Pole Number

List the York T&T Company's number of the jointly used pole.

4.4

PUBLIC VERSION
If the Telephone Company c number ends with a fraction, the following codes will be used by Accounting when cards are punched:

Fraction	Code
1/4	3
1/2	5
3/4	7

# (5) York Telephone and Telegraph Co. Exchange

List the Telephone Company Exchange area in which the jointly used pole is located. A list of Telephone Company Exchanges and corresponding code numbers is attached as Exhibit "F".

## (6) Owner Status

The following codes will be used to designate the owner-ship and status of each pole jointly used:

Code	Owner	Status
1	Met. Ed.	New Rental Attachment
3	Met. Ed.	Remove Attachment
5	YT&T	New Rental Attachment
7	YT&T	Remove Artachment

# (7) Enter the digit "2" on Column 37 to identify the Telephone Company

## (8) Size

List the actual size of the jointly used pole.

## (9) Year

List the year in which attachment was made to jointly used pole.

# (10) Enter the Field Note number in Columns 42 to 53.

#### D. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

11. The Met. Ed. Company's Accounting Department will be responsible for preparing IBM cards for Owner Status Codes five (5) through eight (8). The Telephone Company's Accounting Department will prepare IBM cards for Owner Status Codes one (1) through four (4). The information Joint Use Field Note Forms will be used as the source data to prepare the IBM cards.

- 2. Each Accounting Department will prepare two decks of IBM cards monthly. One set of IBM cards will be forwarded to the other company's Accounting Department.
- 3. Each Accounting Department will prepare a pole "printout" every month and transmit it to their Engineering Department for verification. Any corrections necessary will be made on the Joint Use Field Note form.
- 4. On or about November 30 of each year, the companies will exchange pole listings to reconcile and validate the rentals due each company

## III PURCHASING ABANDOMED POLES

When poles, abandoned by Owner, are to be purchased by Licensee, the equitable sum to be paid Owner shall be determined by the following procedure.

## A. DETERMINATION OF "IN PLACE" VALUE OF POLES

The life span of all poles shall be thirty (30) years. For purposes of reflecting the condition of poles (as related to condition new), the Owner shall determine the remaining life by year in which pole was installed, if available, or if not, by inspection on the ground, with procedure as outlined below and in accordance with percentages outlined below:

- 1. The pole shall be inspected jointly by representatives of both companies, in accordance with the standard procedure established for pole inspection by the company proposing to purchase the pole. The procedure should include:
  - (a) an appraisal of the effect of the defects observed
  - (b) an appraisal of the condition of the pole in relation to a new pole
  - (c) an estimate of the age of the pole, and
  - (d) the minimum size of pole required by the company proposing to purchase the pole.

## 2. All Kinds of Wood Poles

- 25 years or more remaining life 100%
- 20 thru 24 years remaining life 80%
- 15 thru 19 years remaining life 60%
- 10 thru 14 years remaining life 405
- 6 thru 9 years remaining life = 20%
- 3 thru 5 years remaining life 10%
- Less than 3 years remaining life- 05

#### B. PRICE SCHEDULES

For the purpose of simplification, it has been agreed to use price schedules based on the average experience of both parties under the conditions existing in the territory covered by the Agreement, and to keep such schedules as current as possible, revising them not oftener than once a year. Each party shall be responsible for its own prices. Current prices are listed below.

## PRICE SCHEDULES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1930

Size	York T & T Costs	Met-Ed Costs
25 ft.	\$212.00	\$406.00
30 ft.	245.00	383.00
35 ft.	290.00	444.00
40 ft.	320.00	505.00
45 ft.	387.00	562.00
50 ft.	432.00	660.00
55 ft.	182.00	759.00

## C. EXAMPLE OF BILLING FOR PURCHASE OF POLE(S)

Owner proposes to abandon 35-foot pole which was installed 8 years ago. Licensee accepts ownership in accordance with Agreement.

#### Example:

When Licensee is York Telephone and Telegraph Company

$$$1,1,1.00 \times 80\% = $355.20$$

Bill York Telephone and Telegraph Co.

### Example:

When Licensee is Metropolitan Edison Company

 $$290.00 \times 80\% = $232.00$ 

Bill Metropolitan Edison Company

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## PRICE SCHEDULES - EFFECTIVE JAMUARY 1, 1976

Size	York T & T Costs	Met-Ed Costs
25 ft.	\$142.00	\$312.00
30 ft.	172.00	333.00
35 ft.	/211.00	385.00
40 ft.	234.00	437.00
45 ft.	278.00	491.00
50 ft. /	/ 331.00	557.00
55 ft.	378.00	630.00

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\$386.00 X 80% = \$308.80

Bill York Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Example:

When Licensee is Metropolitan Edison Company

\$211.00 X 80% = \$168.80

Bill Metropolitan Edison Company

# PUBLIC VERSION EXPLANATION OF EXHIBIT "A"

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## Lines #2 & #3

York Telephone and Telegraph requests that Met-Ed replace a 35-foot pole with a 40-foot pole. Line 2 will provide information on the pole to be removed. Line 3 will cover the information required for the new pole.

## Lines #4 & #5

On some previous review, York Telephone and Telegraph made arrangements to rent a pole. However, it was discovered that an error had been made in the street number code. To correct this error, the attachment is removed on Line 4 and the correct information is listed on Line 5.

## Line #7

York Telephone and Telegraph plans to remove its attachment.

## EXPLANATION OF EXHIBIT "B"

## Line #2

Met-Ed is requesting permission to attach to an existing 35-foot pole.

## Lines #3 & #4

Mot. Ed. requests that York Telephone and Telegraph replace a 35 foot pole with a 40 foot pole. Line 3 will provide information on the pole to be removed. Line 4 will cover the information required for the new pole.

## Line #5

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# PUBLĪC VĒRSION

In Connection With General Joint Use Agreement Between

Metropolitan Edison Company

and

York Telephone and Telegraph Company

Dated: May 22, 1967 Effective: January 1, 1967

To establish uniform practices and procedures applying to joint use of poles under the terms of the General Joint Use Agreement, effective January 1, 1967, between the Metropolitan Edison Company (Met. Ed.) and the York Telephone and Telegraph (Telephone), the following interpretation of the terms of the Agreement and working practices is herein set forth. It is understood that nothing herein contained shall alter or cancel any part or parts of this Agreement and, furthermore, that these interpretations may be changed at any time by mutual consent upon request of either party.

## INTERPRETATION OF AGREEMENT

## ARTICAL I. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

- (a) It is agreed that all poles of both parties now existing or hereafter erected may be made subject to joint use under the terms of the Agreement.
- (b) The Owner has the right to exclude certain poles where in his judgement joint use is undesirable.
  - (1) Poles which in the Owner's judgement are necessary for its sole use; and
  - (2) Poles which carry or are intended by the Owner to carry circuits of such character that in the Owner's judgement the proper rendering of its service now or in the future make joint use of such poles undesirable; and
  - (3) Poles where in the Owner's judgement joint use would not prove economical; and
  - (4) Where in accordance with the tariff of either Company, a customer is required to provide, install and maintain poles to support service wires of either Company between their main line and customer's premises, it is decided to use poles of either Company, application shall be made to the Owner by the Licensee in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

## ARTICLE II. EXPLANATION OF TERMS

OWNER - LICENSEE - ATTACHMENTS - RIGHT OF JOINT USE - A JOINT POLE - APPLICATION - PERMITS\*

## ARTICLE III. SPECIFICATIONS\*

## ARTICLE IV. ESTABLISHING JOINT USE OF EXISTING POLES

- (a) The method to be used to make application for attachments will be covered under "Operating Practices." Although not specifically stated in the Agreement, it is understood that in those cases where rearrangements or pole replacement are required to make the pole suitable for joint use and the Owner is willing to have the poles so included, said rearrangements or pole replacement shall be accomplished in such a manner the Licensee's commitment to its customers will not be impaired.
  - (b) \*
- (c) It is Licensee's duty to advise Owner of its guying requirements to assist Owner in determining the size of guy rods required for joint use.

## ARTICLE V. ESTABLISHING JOINT USE OF NEW POLES

- (a) See OPERATING PRACTICES.
- (b) See foregoing under Article IV (c).
- (c) \*

## ARTICLE VI. RIGHTS-OF-WAY\*

#### ARTICLE VII. MAINTENANCE OF POLES AND ATTACHMENTS

- (a) (b) \*
- (c) See OPERATING PRACTICES
- (d) (e) (f) \*

### ARTICLE VIII. BILLING OF COSTS

- (a) See OPERATING PRACTICES
- (b) \*

## ARTICLE IX. RENTALS

- (a) See OPERATING PRACTICES
- (b) \*

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ARTICLE X. NON-RENTAL ATTACHMENTS\*

ARTICLE XI. PAYMENT OF TAXES\*

ARTICLE XII. LIABILITY AND DAMAGES\*

ARTICLE XIII. EXISTING RIGHTS OF OTHER PARTIES\*

ARTICLE XIV. ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS\*

## ARTICLE XV. ABANDONMENT OF JOINTLY USED POLES

An equitable sum as stated in this Article shall be the depreciated value of a pole which is high enough for the Licensee's requirements based on the Licensor's current pole prices.

ARTICLE XVI. DEFAULTS\*

ARTICLE XVII. WAIVER OF TERMS OR CONDITIONS\*

ARTICLE XVIII. TERM OF AGREEMENT\*

ARTICLE XIX. GUIDE TO PRACTICE\*

ARTICLE XX. CANCELLATION OF PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS\*

ARTICLE XXI. TRANSFER OF OUTSTANDING PERMITS\*

## OPERATING PRACTICES

#### I. GENERAL

#### A. JOINT FIELD REVIEW

From past experience, Joint Field Reviews of proposed construction and reconstruction of pole lines have been found indispensable in securing the proper application of provisions governing the joint use of such plant.

It is agreed that neither Company will underbuild or overbuild on separate parallel poles on the same side of the thoroughfare without having mutual consent.

## B. UNAUTHORIZED ATTACHMENTS

It is agreed in order to insure the successful operation of this agreement that no unauthorized attachments on the part of either Company will be permitted. Exceptions will be made for emergency attachments; such as, services and others which cannot reasonably be covered jointly in the field before installing. Therefore, each Company will immediately initiate internal and inter-departmental routines to guarantee that the Owner is promptly notified when attachments are made.

#### C. NEUTRAL SPACE

The neutral space is provided for the protection of the workmen and plant of both parties. Therefore, it is important that both Companies cooperate fully in preventing attachments which encroach in this space.

## D. IMPORTANT PRECAUTIONS

## 1. Adherence to Specifications

Past experience with joint use of poles indicates that there should be a stricter adherence to the specifications in regard to:

- (a) Climbing space
- (b) Position of ground wires
- (c) Position of guy wires
- (d) Position of insulation levels and guy insulators
- (e) Congestion of drop-loops (services), especially on transformer poles
- (f) Maintaining required clearances between services (drop-loops) of both Companies to and on customers' buildings.

- (g) Special emphasis to separate telephone service lines from electric company ground leads
- (h) Telephone service on high voltage poles

# 2. Grounding of Cable Mossenger and Protector Grounds

Where the Power Company has a multi-grounded neutral system with a continuous neutral, the Telephone Company may bond their aerial cable messenger to Power Company vertical grounds. In cases where there is no vertical ground wire present on the pole, the Telephone Company will install a bond wire of sufficient length to reach the Power Company multi-grounded neutral. The Power Company will connect the bond wire to the multi-grounded neutral.

# 3. Bonding and/or Grounding of Street Light Brackets

Where the Power Company has a multi-grounded neutral system, with a continuous neutral the Telephone Company aerial messenger may be bonded to Power Company street light brackets in accordance with the Sixth Edition of the National Electrical Safety Code. Bonding at this messenger shall be done by the Power Company.

## E. MISCELLANEOUS

# 1. Disposition of Poles to be Removed

In connection with the replacement or removal of a jointly used pole, where feasible, both Companies will arrange to cooperate in the transfer of facilities to the new pole so that Owner may remove the old pole without delay. It is the Owner's obligation to remove the old pole unless otherwise designated.

It is the duty of both parties to make certain that the other party's wires are neither touched nor disturbed.

# 2. Emergency Pole Replacement by Licensee

In emergency cases where Licensee discovers a hazardous pole condition requiring immediate attention, Licensee may proceed with the corrective work and bill Owner. When time permits, the Owner's consent will first be secured. This practice is necessary in the interest of public safety.

## II. FORMS

# A. JOINT USE FIELD NOTE FORM - EXHIBITS "A" & "B"

## 1. Use of Forms

- (a) This form will be used to notify either party as Owner or Licensee of proposals and/or requests involving joint use and by the other party to reply thereto. It will serve as an application and permit.
- (b) The preparation of this form shall be on a local office or district level and it will be used primarily between Metropolitan Edison and York Telephone and Telegraph Engineering offices. The preparation of this form is illustrated on attached specific examples. See Exhibits A & B.

## 2. Routing and Approval of Forms

Three (3) copies (more if required) will be prepared by Licensee.

## YT&T CO. ROUTING

## MET. ED. ROUTING

#1 Gentel Accounting

#1 Met. Ed. Accounting

#2 Met. Ed. District Engineering

#2 YT&T Division Engineering

#3 YT&T Division Engineering

#3 Mct. Ed. District Engineering

NOTE: Number 2 and 3 copies to be forwarded to other Company's Engineering Office. Number 3 copy to be returned to originator to signify acceptance or rejection.

## Numbering System

All Joint Use Field Note Forms will be identified by numbers. Field note numbers shall be assigned consecutively.

# (a) Forms Originated by York Telephone and Telegraph Company

Each form number will be prefixed with the letter "Y" to identify the Telephone Company followed by the letter "M" to designate Met. Ed. Co.

## (b) Forms Originated by Met. Ed. Co.

Each form number will be prefixed with the letter "M" to identify the Power Company followed by the letter "Y" to designate York Telephone and Telegraph Company.

## 4. Number of Poles on One Field Note

Not more than 22 poles shall be included on one Field Note. There shall be  $\underline{no}$  delineation as to area, civil division or telephone exchange. VZ00275

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# B. "NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT AND TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP" FORM - EXHIBIT "C"

- In view of the possible time required by Licensee to complete studies to determine whether ownership will be accepted or whether it will likewise be abandoned, the Owner's intention will be conveyed promptly to the Licensee.
- 2. Upon physical removal of all of its attachments, Owner will prepare "Notice of Abandonment of Joint Poles and Transfer of Ownership" form (Exhibit C) and forward it to Licensee, who will execute same and return it to Owner within the time limit of thirty (30) days as specified in Article XV (b) of the Agreement. The effective date will be thirty (30) calendar days or less after owner executed form.
- 3. Six (6) copies of this form will be prepared by Owner. Two
  (2) will be signed by the authorized agent and the signatures
  will be conformed on the remaining copies. Two (2) conformed
  copies and the two (2) signed copies will be forwarded to
  Licensee who will affix signature of proper authorized agent
  to the two (2) signed copies and return the original to Owner.
- 4. All "Notice of Abandonment of Joint Poles and Transfer of Owner-ship" forms shall be identified by the same numbers assigned to the Field Notes.

## C. PROCEDURE OF REPORTING ATTACHMENTS

All poles of either party to which the other party has attachments of any kind or has space reserved must report such attachment(s).

### (a) Completion of Joint Use Field Note

## (1) Met. Ed. Diviston District Code

A list of Met. Ed. Districts is attached as Exhibit "D".

#### (2) Met. Ed. Pole Number

List the Met. Ed. number of the jointly used pole.

#### (3) Met. Ed. Civil Division Code

Each Met. Ed. District has been assigned a numbrical code to identify the Civil Division in which the joint pole is located. A list of Met. Ed. Civil Divisions and corresponding code numbers is attached as Exhibit "E".

#### (4) York T&T Company Pole Number

List the York T&T Company's number of the jointly used pole.

If the Telephone Company pole number ends with a fraction, the following codes will be used by Accounting when cards are punched:

Fraction	Code
1/4	3
1/2	5
3/4	7

## (5) York Telephone and Telegraph Co. Exchange

List the Telephone Company Exchange area in which the jointly used pole is located. A list of Telephone Company Exchanges and corresponding code numbers is attached as Exhibit "F".

## (6) Owner Status

The following codes will be used to designate the ownership and status of each pole jointly used:

Code	Owner	Status
1	Met. Ed.	New Rental Attachment
3 4	Met. Ed.	Remove Attachment
	Met. Ed.	New Non-rental Attachment
5	YT&T	New Rental Attachment
7	YT&T	Remove Attachment
8	T&TY	New Non-rental Attachment

(7) Enter the digit "2" on Column 37 to identify the Telephone Company

## (8) Size

List the actual size of the jointly used pole.

#### (9) Year

List the year in which attachment was made to jointly used pole.

(10) Enter the Field Note number in Columns 42 to 53.

## D. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

1. The Met. Ed. Company's Accounting Department will be responsible for preparing IBM cards for Owner Status Codes five (5) through eight (8). The Telephone Company's Accounting Department will prepare IBM cards for Owner Status Codes one (1) through four (4). The information Joint Use Field Note Forms will be used as the source data to prepare the IBM cards.

- 2. Each Accounting Department will prepare two decks of IBM cards monthly. One set of IBM cards will be forwarded to the other Company's Accounting Department.
- 3. Each Accounting Department will prepare a pole "print-out" every month and transmit it to their Engineering Department for verification. Any corrections necessary will be made on the Joint Use Field Note Form.
- 4. On or about November 30 of each year, the companies will exchange pole listings to reconcile and validate the rentals due each company.

#### III. PRICE SCHEDULES

For the purpose of simplification, the following price schedules have been agreed upon for the use in connection with operations under the Agreement; they are based on the average experience of out parties under the conditions existing in the territory covered by the Agreement. These prices may be revised at any time by mutual consent of the parties.

## A. PRICE SCHEDULES - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1975

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## B. DETERMINATION OF "IN PLACE" VALUE OF POLES

- The life span of all poles shall be thirty (30) years. For pury composition of reflecting the condition of poles (as related to condition new, the Owner shall determine the remaining life by year in which per was installed, if evailable, or if not, by inspection on the ground, with procedure as cutlined below and in accordance with percentages outlined below:
  - The pole shall be inspected jointly be representatives of both Companies, in accordance with the standard procedure established for pole inspection by the Company proposity to purchase the pole. The procedure should include:
    - (a) an appraisal of the effect of the defects observed (b) an appraisal of the condition of the pole in relative to a new pole, (c) an estimate of the age of the pole, and (d) the minimum size of pole required by the Company proposing to purchase the pole.

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## 2. All Kinds of Wood Poles

25 years or more remaining life - 100% 20 thru' 24 years remaining life - 80% 15 thru' 19 years remaining life - 60% 10 thru' 14 years remaining life - 40% 6 thru 9 years remaining life - 20% 3 thru 5 years remaining life - 10% less than 3 years remaining life - 0%

## C. EXAMPLE OF BILLING FOR PURCHASE OF POLE(S)

Owner proposes to abandon 35 foot pole which was installed 8 years ago. Licensee accepts ownership in accordance with Agreement.

Example:

When Licensee is York Telephone and Telegraph Company

 $227.00 \times 80\% = 181.60$ 

Bill York Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Example:

When Licensee is Metropolitan Edison Company

 $168.00 \times 807 = 134.40$ 

Bill Met. Ed. Company

## EXPLANATION OF EXHIBIT "A"

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## Lines #2 & #3

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## Lines #4 & #5

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### Line #6

York Telephone and Telegraph desires to attach to a non-rental pole.

## Line #7

York Telephone and Telegraph plans to remove its attachment.

#### Line #8

York Telephone and Telegraph plans to set a new pole and is informing Met. Ed. to see if they desire an attachment on the pole. On Accounting's copy strike out in red pencil. If Met. Ed. desires to attach to pole, information will be transcribed to their Joint Use Field Note. See Line 1 of Exhibit "B."

#### EXPLANATION OF EXHIBIT "B"

#### Line #1

Met. Ed. is informing York Telephone and Telegraph that they want to attach to the pole listed on Line 8 of Exhibit "A." However, Met. Ed. is requesting a 40 foot pole instead of a 35 foot pole.

### Line #2

Met. Ed. is requesting permission to attach to an existing 35 foot pole.

## Lines #3 & #4

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## Line #5

Mct. Ed. is notifying York Telephone and Telegraph of plans to remove its attachment.

## Line #6

Met. Ed. is requesting an attachment to a non-rental pole.

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## METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY

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## WESTERN DIVISION

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185	Straban Twp.	tt
186	Tyrone Twp.	# .
187	Union Twp.	11
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191	Dickinson Twp.	11
192	Monroe Twp. Mo	11
193	Mt. Holly Springs Boro	11
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205	Fairview Twp.	11
239	Fawn Twp. FW	. 11
240	Fawn Grove Boro F G	tt
241	Felton Boro FE	11
206	Franklin Twp. FR	11 ,
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242	Glen Rock Boro GK	††
208	Goldsboro Boro	Ħ
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247	Jefferson Boro JE	11
212	Lewisberry Boro	11
248	Loganville Boro L G	TT .
249	Lower Chanceford Twp. LC	11
250	Lower Windsor Twp. LW	11
251	Manchester Boro MT	11
213	Manchester Twp. MC	<b>"</b> Z00288

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517	Manheim Twp. MN	York
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216	Mt. Wolf Boro MW	. "
217	Newberry Twp. NB	11
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255	North Hopewell Twp. NH	<b>11</b>
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256	Railroad Boro RR	11
257	Red Lion Boro RL	17
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221	Springettsbury Twp. SE	11
261	Springfield Twp. SF	11
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#### AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY (Met-Ed) and YORK TELEPHONE & TELECRAPH COMPANY both being Pennsylvania corporations, entered into a certain Agreement (Agreement) dated May 22, 1967, effective January 1, 1967, providing for joint use of certain poles; and

WHEREAS, GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA (Telephone) is successor to York Telephone & Telegraph Company; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to supplement and amend the Agreement as hereinafter more fully set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these presents, the parties hereto for themselves and their respective successors and assigns, hereby agree to amend and supplement the Agreement as hereinafter set forth, effective as of January 1, 1974, to wit:

1. Delete Article IX of the Agreement in its entirety and substitute therefor a new Article IX which reads as follows:

#### Article IX - Attachment Fees - Compensation

It is agreed by parties that no attachment fee, as such, will be paid by either party to the other and in lieu thereof just compensation shall be made in accordance with the following:

- (A) The ratio of ownership of the total number of joint use poles shall be considered balanced when the ratio of pole ownership attained is 55% Met-Ed and 45% Telephone.
- (B) The party owning less than its apportioned ratio of poles shall annually pay to the other the full agreed upon compensation for each pole it is deficient.
- (C) The compensation per deficient pole in 1974 shall be \$17.50, thereafter the compensation per deficient pole shall be the combined average of the parties' annual carrying charge per pole of their respective forty (40) foot poles as of January 1 of the then current calendar year; provided, however, in no event shall the compensation per deficient pole be less than the hereinafter designated percentum of either party's said annual carrying charge per pole, said percentum being as follows: 1975 87.5%, 1976 and thereafter 90%.
- (D) Compensation payments shall be made on the last day of December each year based upon all Permits in effect on November 30 of such year.
- (E) The effective date of each Permit or of the termination of a Permit shall be the date that such Permit or termination thereof was approved by Owner as shown thereon, provided Licensee shall have previously removed its attachments therefrom.

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2. Delete Article X of the Agreement in its entirety and substitute therefor a new Article X which reads as follows:

#### Article X - Apportionment of Pole Ownership

The ownership of poles jointly used hereunder shall be apportioned so that Net-Ed owns 55% and Telephone owns 45% of all of such poles. Each party shall have the right to purchase from time to time from the other party poles and anchor rods in an attempt to balance ownership of jointly used poles. Such purchases shall be subject to any necessary regulatory approval and the consideration to be paid in connection therewith shall be the negotiated unit price representing the reasonable or equitable value of the facilities at the time when such transfer of ownership will take place. Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, the party requested to convey may refuse to do so for good cause.

3. Add a new Article to the Agreement identified as Article XXII which shall read as follows:

#### Article XXII - Protection

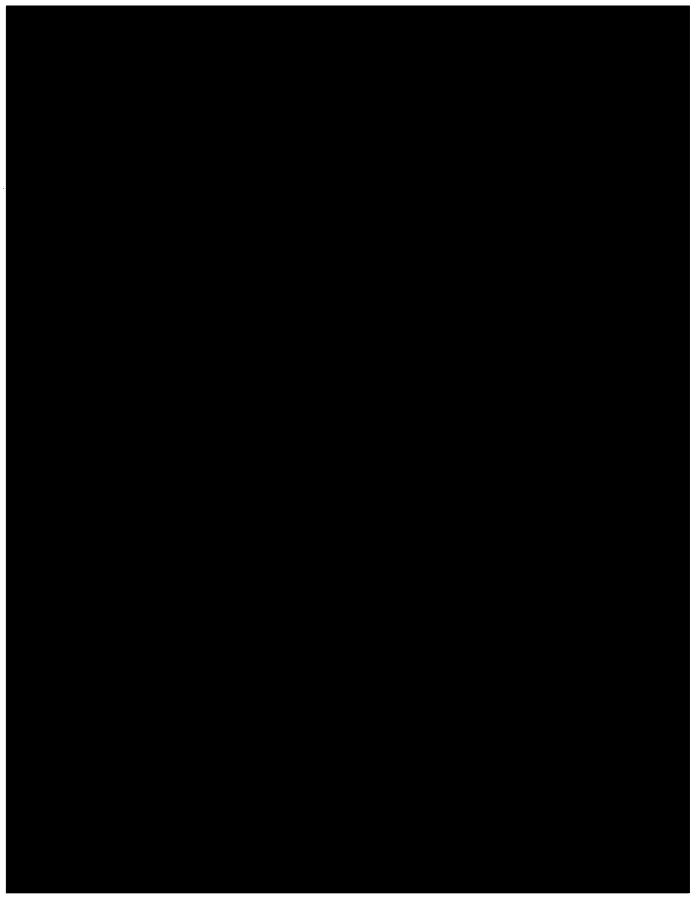
- (A) At those locations where Met-Ed has a multi-grounded neutral system with a continuous neutral either party may establish a bond between Met-Ed's vertical ground and Telephone's aerial cable messenger. At those locations where no vertical ground wire exists on a pole a bond wire of sufficient length to reach Met-Ed's multi-grounded neutral may be installed.
- (B) The party requiring the bond at any location shall provide, or pay the other party for, all necessary materials to be used in constructing such bond. Title to such materials shall vest in the requiring party. Either party may make all necessary connections at those locations where Met-Ed has an existing vertical ground as aforesaid. At those locations where no such vertical ground exists Telephone shall make its connection first and shall properly and safely secure all wires, conductors and materials during the interim pending Met-Ed's connection to its facilities.
- (C) All bonds which may be currently existing shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement and the same, as well as bonding hereafter performed under the permission herein granted, shall be done and maintained in accordance with the requirements of the current edition of the National Electrical Safety Code, as the same may be from time to time amended or revised, and any currently applicable rules or orders of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission when the minimum requirements of such rules or orders are in excess of the standard of construction required by said code or revisions thereof.
- 4. Amend the Index of the Agreement to the extent hereinafter set forth as follows:
- (a) Revise Article TX to read "Article TX Attachment Fees Compensation"

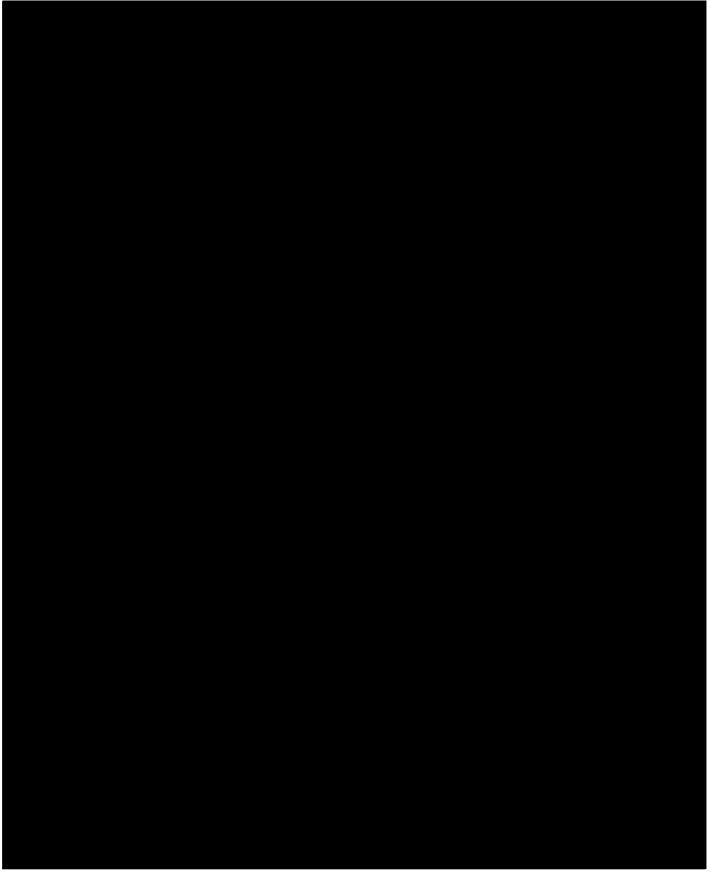
- (b) Revise Article X to read "Article X Apportionment of Pole Ownership"
  - (c) Add Article XXII to read "Article XXII Protection"

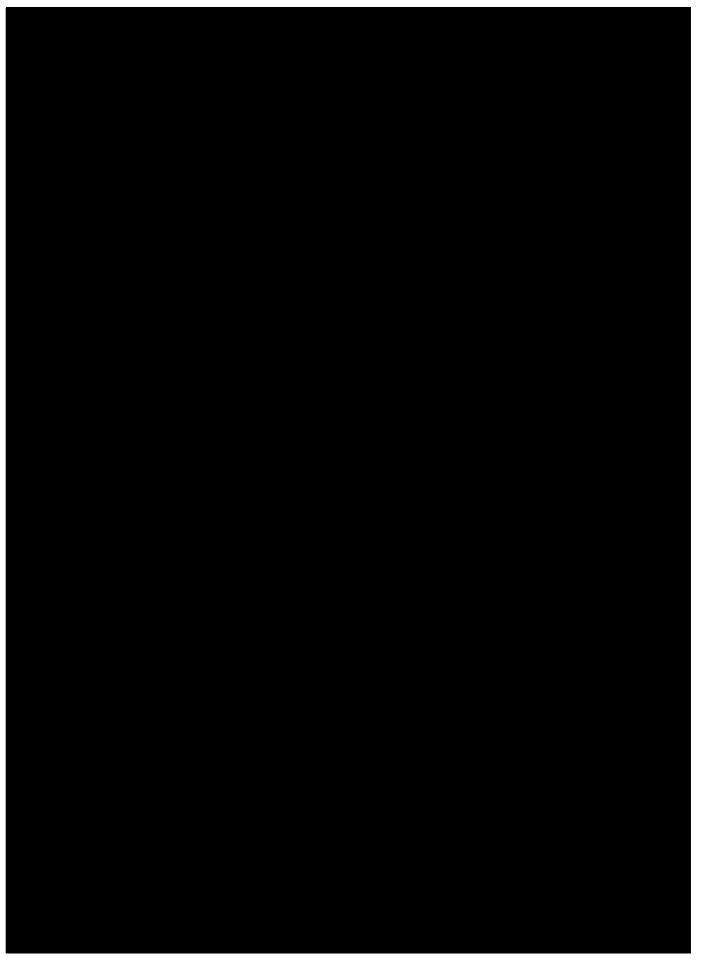
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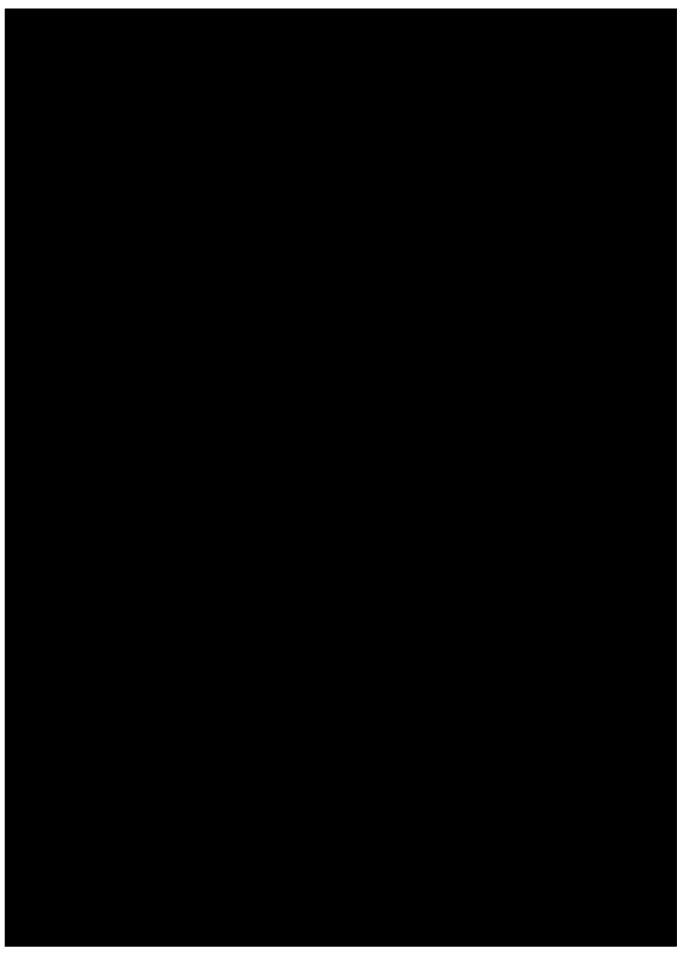
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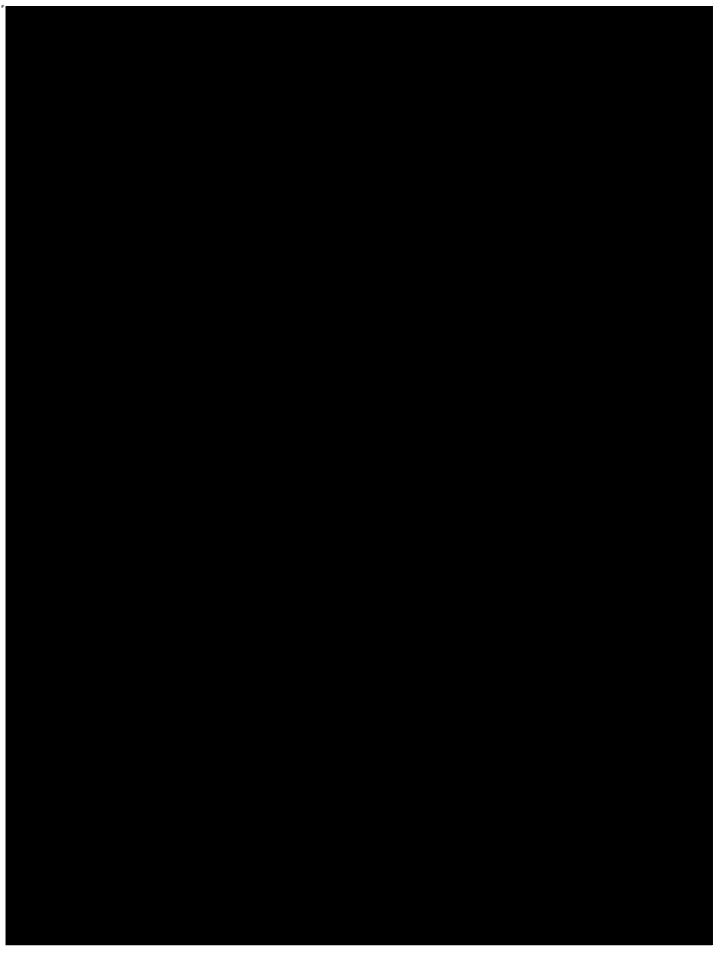


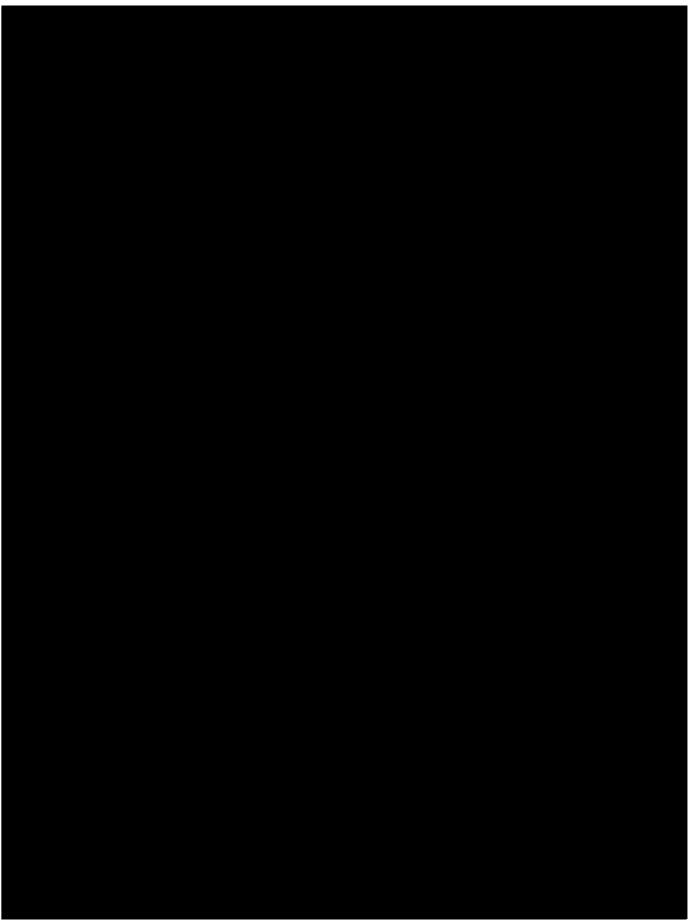


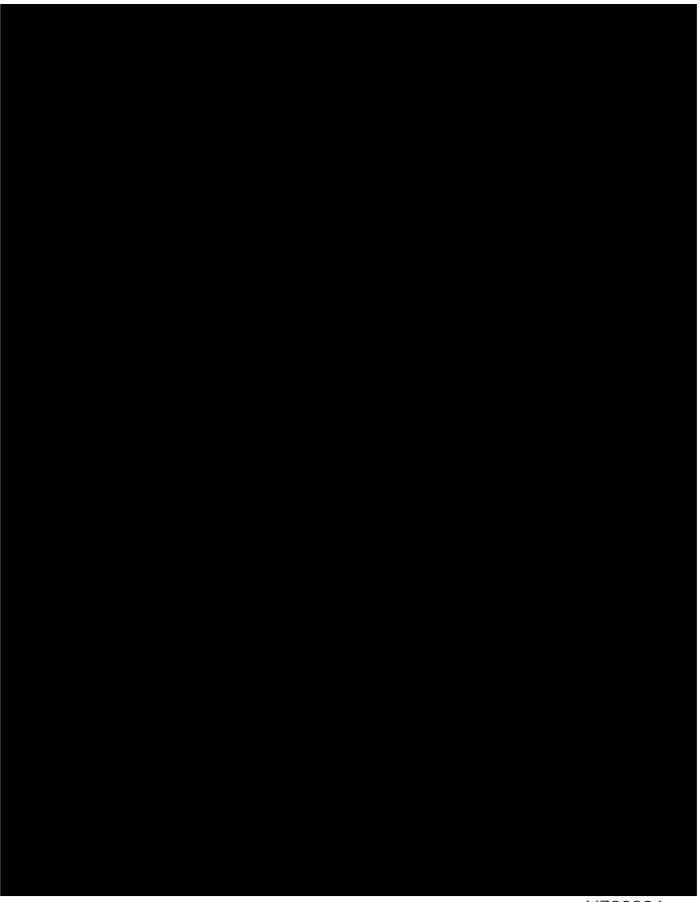


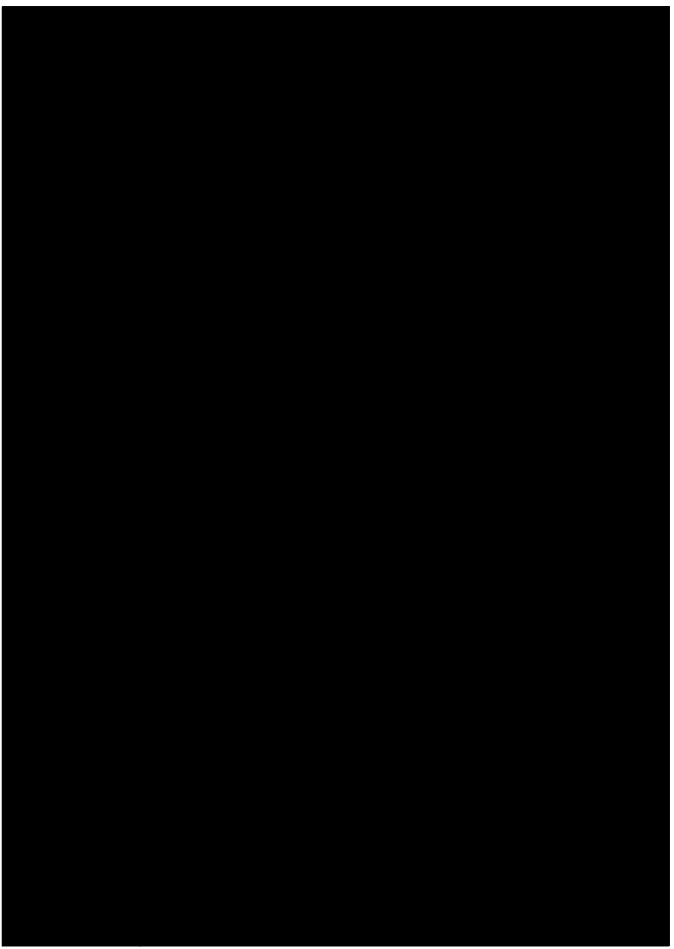




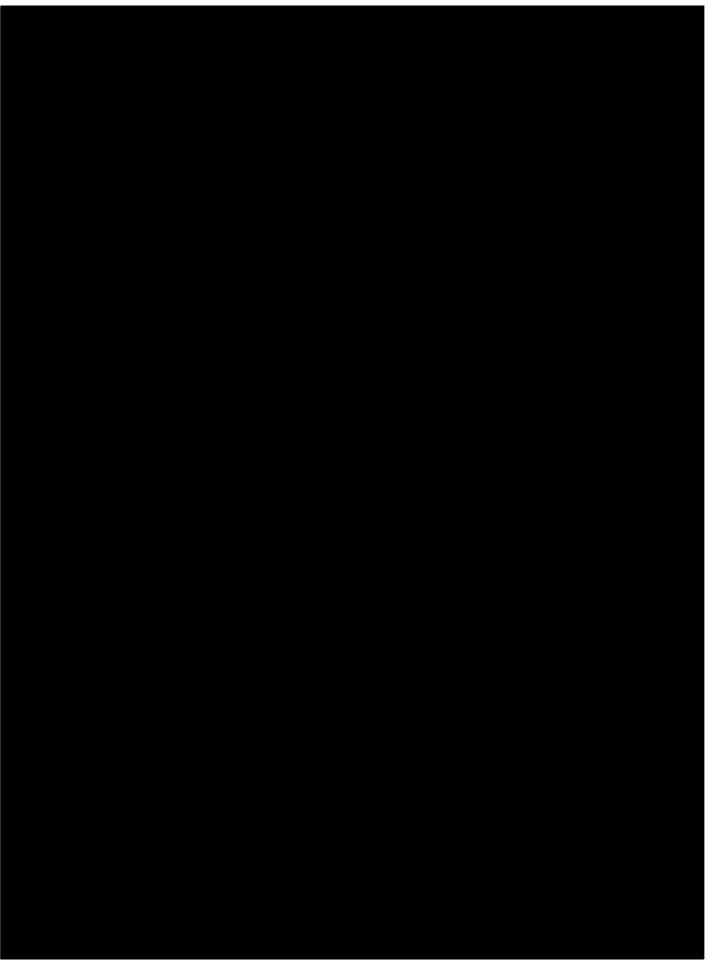


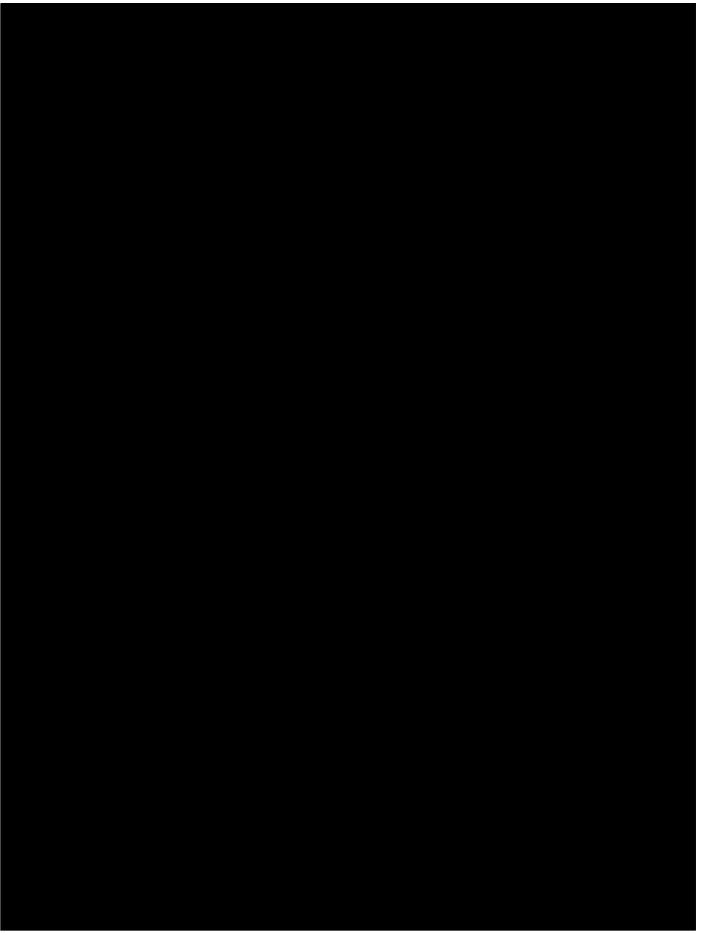


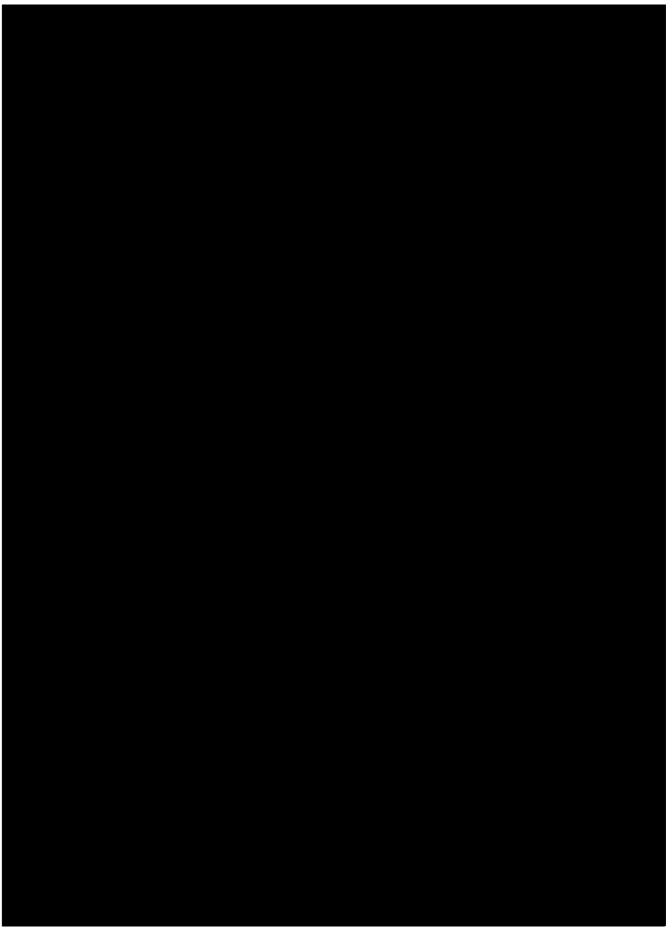


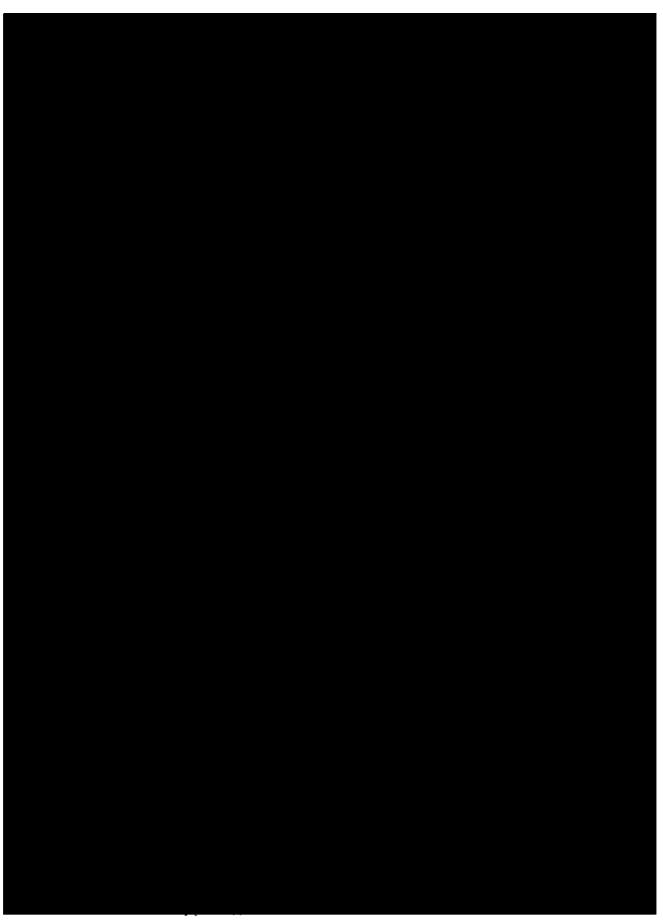


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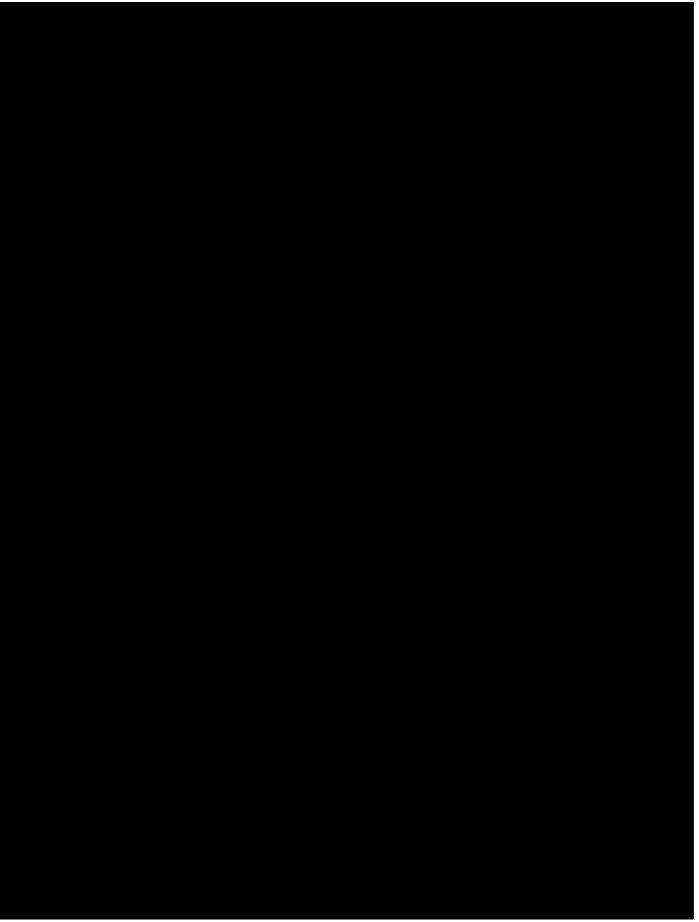


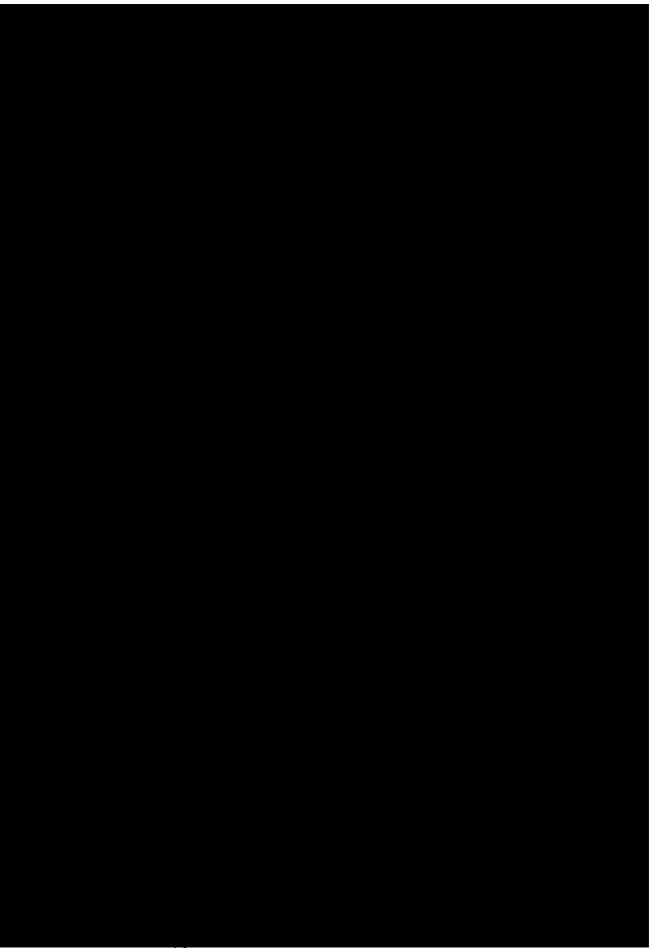


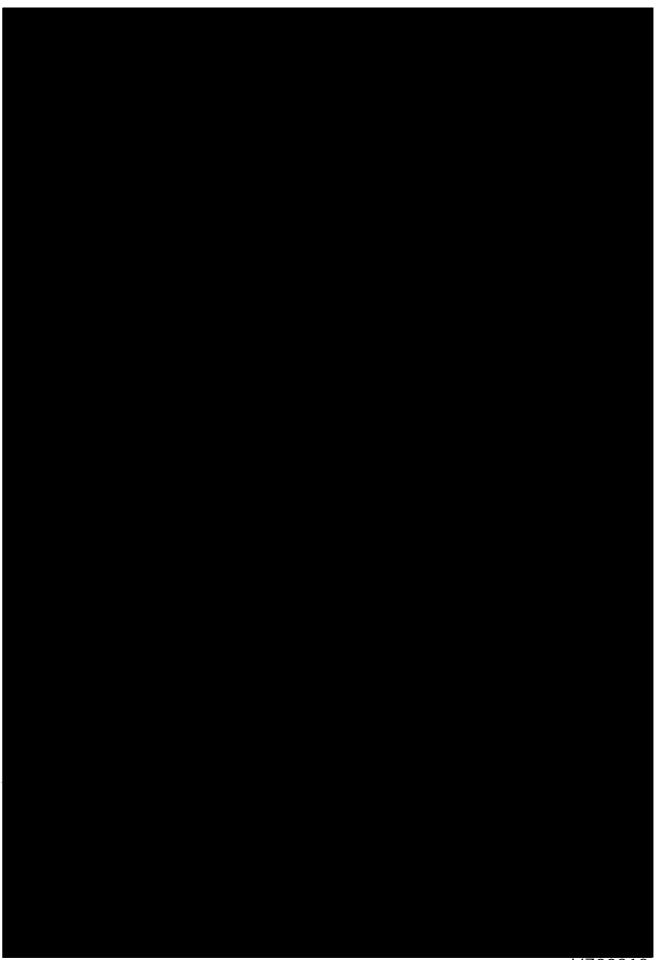


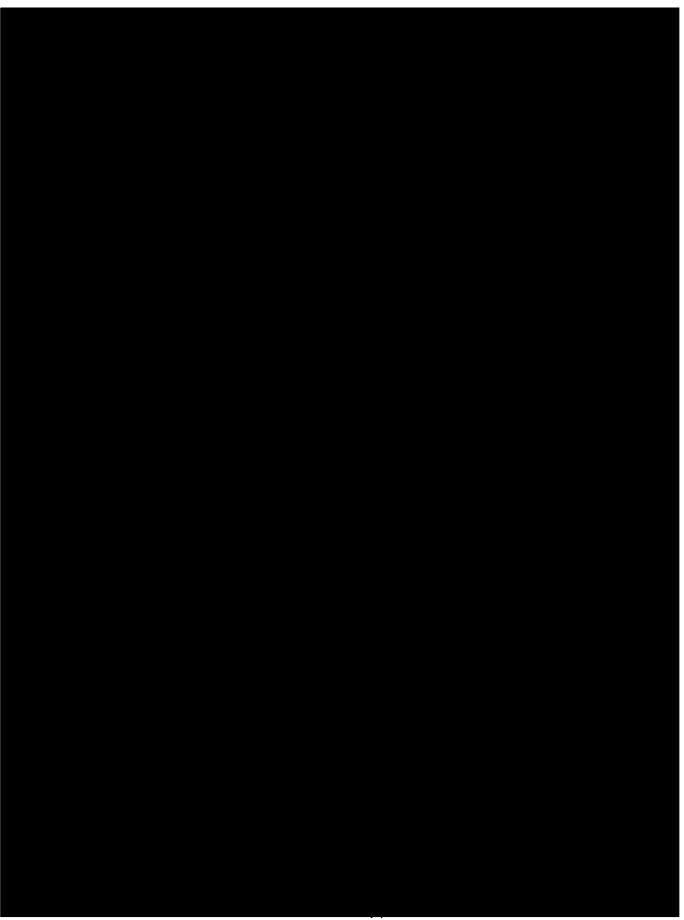


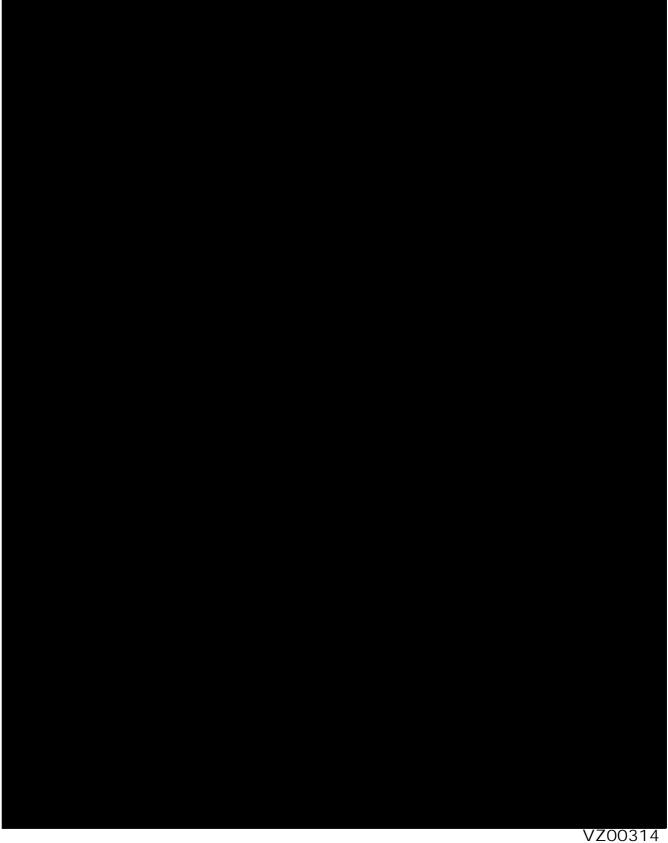
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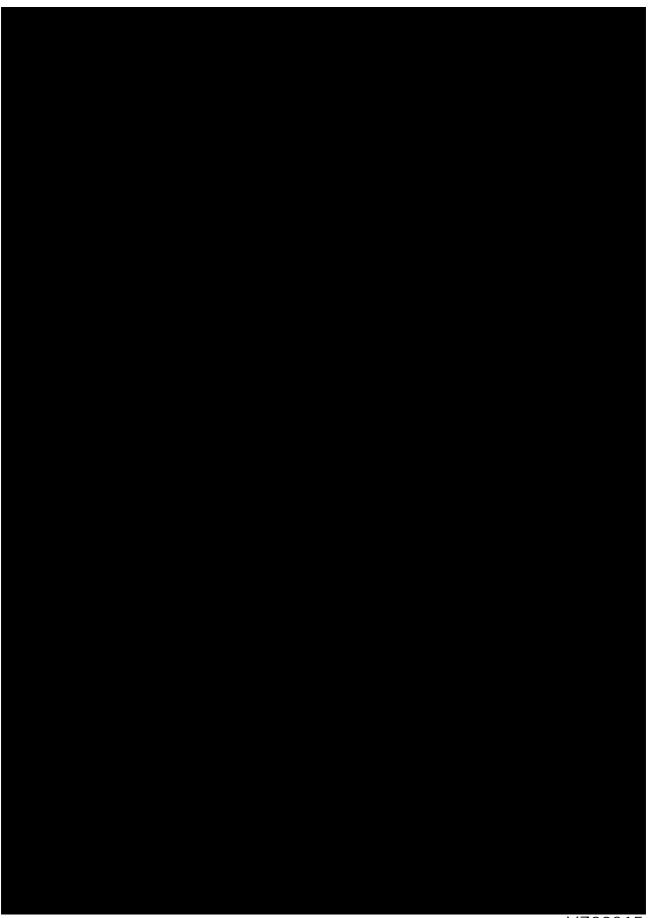


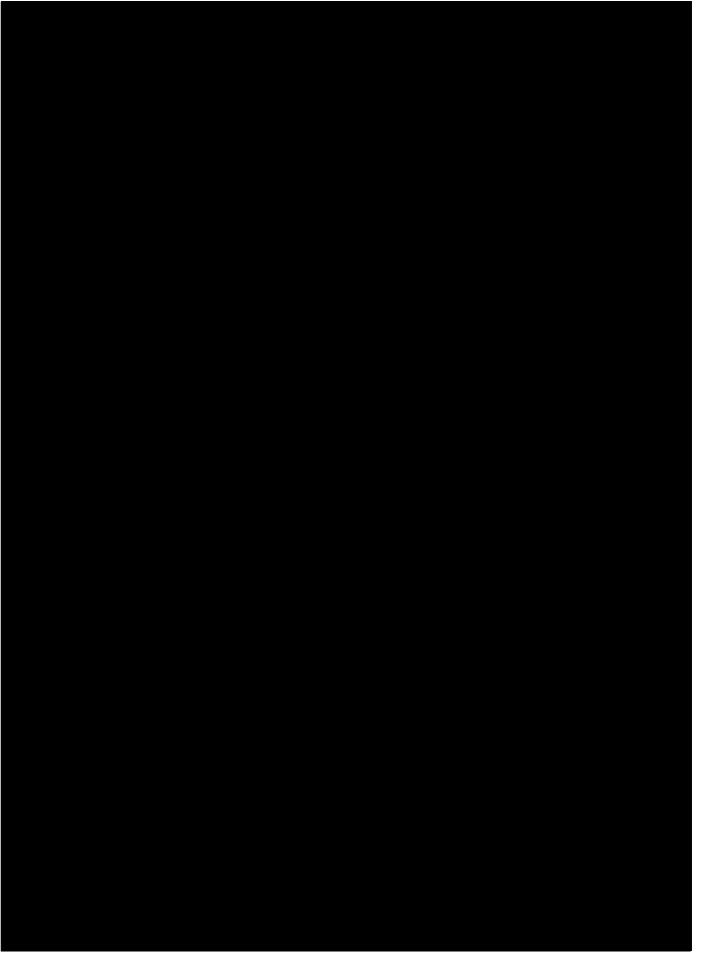




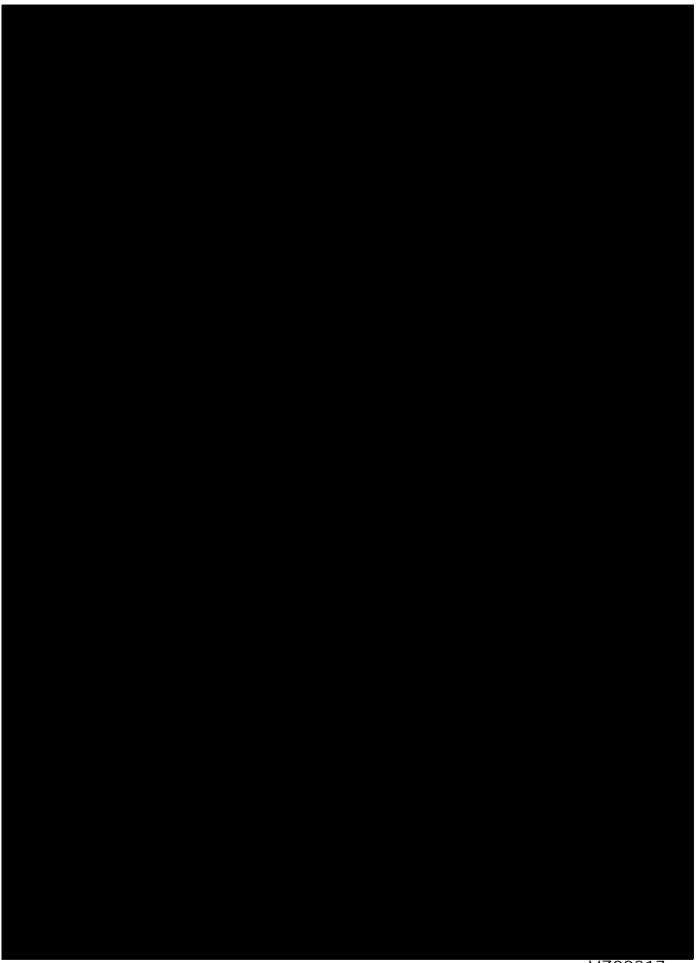












# Exhibit 7

GENERAL AGREEMENT

FOR THE

JOINT USE OF POLES

BETWEEN

PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY

AND

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA

(EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1986)

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This Agreement made this 12th day of May 1986 between The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, a public utility corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania corporation having its principal office in the City and County of Philadelphia, hereinafter called Bell, and Pennsylvania Electric Company, a public utility corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, hereinafter called Penelec, a Pennsylvania Corporation having its principal office in the City of Johnstown, County of Cambria, Pa.

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Penelec and Bell desire to cooperate in keeping pole plant at a minimum in the territory covered by this Agreement and to provide for the joint use of their respective poles when and where joint use shall be of mutual advantage in meeting their service requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereto, for themselves, their successors and assigns, do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I

#### SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

- A. This Agreement shall be in effect in all of the territory of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in which both parties to this agreement now or may hereafter operate in common, and shall cover all poles of each party in the territory, when said poles are brought hereunder in accordance with the procedures hereinafter provided.
- B. Each party reserves the right to exclude from joint use (1) poles which, in Owner's judgment, are necessary for its own sole use; (2) poles which carry, or are intended to carry, circuits of such character that in the Owner's judgment the proper rendering of its service now or in the future makes joint use of such poles undesirable; and (3) poles where, in the Owner's judgment, joint use would not prove economical.

## ARTICLE II

#### **DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Agreement, the following terms shall mean:

ATTACHMENTS means all wires, cables, appliances, apparatus, fixtures and appurtenances of every description now or hereafter used on poles of either party in its business.

JOINT USE POLE means a pole which under this Agreement is occupied by attachments of both parties at the time of execution of this Agreement or thereafter and includes steel I-Beam stub poles.

LICENSEE means the party to whom the right of joint use of any pole has been granted by the Owner.

NORMAL SPACE is the following described space on a joint use pole for the use of each party, respectively, except that attachments of one party may be located in the space normally set aside for the other party so long as such attachments are made in accordance with Article III - Specifications:

1. A space of nineteen (19) feet above the ground line shall be for the common use of both parties. The next three (3) feet shall be designated telephone space, above which shall be the standard separation space as established by the National Electrical Safety Code in effect at the time the pole became a joint use pole between communication facilities and power facilities. The remaining space to the top of the pole shall be designated power space.

OWNER means the party having title to and full ownership of any pole.

ISOLATED SERVICE NEUTRAL is a customer service neutral (electrical) which is not interconnected with the common neutral (electrical) of the primary distribution circuit.

## ARTICLE III

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Each of the parties hereto shall construct and maintain its jointly used poles and its attachments on all jointly used poles in accordance with the applicable edition of the National Electrical Safety Code, except where the lawful requirements of public authorities may be more stringent, in which case the latter will govern.

Any existing joint use construction of the parties completed prior to this agreement, which does not conform to these requirements shall be brought into conformity therewith as soon as practicable.

## ARTICLE IV

### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

- A. An Administrative Committee shall be established consisting of four members, two from each company. It shall be the responsibility of the Administrative Committee to interpret the Agreement, arbitrate questions, and to resolve problems arising from the operation of the Agreement. The Administrative Committee shall also be responsible for:
  - 1. Establishing such applications and permitting forms and procedures required in the licensing and recording of joint pole usage.
  - 2. Recalculation of pole compensation rates as prescribed in Article XVI.
  - 3. Publication and maintenance of any interpretations, practices, and administrative procedures necessary to implement the administration of the Agreement, consistent with the terms hereof.
  - 4. Establishing a schedule of rates for billing purposes.
- B. The Administrative Committee will meet as often as required but must meet at least once annually. The Chairmanship of the Committee shall be rotated between the companies on a yearly basis.

## ARTICLE V

### ESTABLISHING JOINT USE OF NEW POLES

- A. Whenever either party requires new pole facilities, either as an additional pole, a new pole line, or an extension of any existing pole line, where neither party has existing pole facilities, it shall promptly notify the other party's local representative, in writing, in order to determine the desirability of joint use. The other party shall promptly respond. Both parties shall make a good faith effort to give advance oral notification.
- B. If joint use is agreed upon, the parties shall cooperate in designing the proposed construction to meet the needs of both parties. Ownership of new pole structures will be determined by mutual agreement. The party which is to become Licensee will submit to Owner an application for joint use in such form and manner as may be agreed upon and established by the Administrative Committee. An authorized representative shall signify his authorization of the proposed joint use by promptly signing and returning the application as soon as the new pole structure is in place, the signed document thereby constituting a license for joint use.
- C. If joint use cannot be agreed upon, the parties shall cooperate to determine the most practical and economical method of effectively providing separate lines.

## ARTICLE VI

### ESTABLISHING JOINT USE OF EXISTING POLES

- A. Whenever either party desires to make an initial attachment to or reserve space on any pole owned by the other party, it shall make written application in such form and manner as may be agreed upon and established by the Administrative Committee. The Owner shall signify his authorization of the proposed joint use by promptly signing and returning the application, it thereby constituting a license for joint use. Either party has permission to attach to the other party's poles, without prior notification except those excluded from joint use as determined by the company representatives and only if the pole is of sufficient height, strength, and proper clearances to accommodate joint use provided, however, that written application for joint use shall be made to the Owner within ten (10) working days thereafter.
- B. If the pole is available for joint use but requires rearrangement of the Owner's facilities, the Owner will cooperate to make such rearrangements as may be necessary to allow the existing pole to be brought into joint use. Where the pole is inadequate and such rearrangement is not reasonable, the pole shall be replaced. Each party shall be responsible for placing, transferring and rearranging its own facilities.
- C. The parties hereto recognize that projects by either party which require large numbers of pole replacements could significantly affect the financial and manpower capacities of the other party. Each, therefore, agrees to give maximum notice of any such plans so as to provide sufficient interval for preparations. Neither party, as Owner, is obligated by the Agreement to replace poles for Licensee in such numbers as would be, in Owner's judgment, prejudicial to Owner.
- D. A disagreement which cannot be resolved by the supervisors of each party shall be referred to the Administrative Committee.

## ARTICLE VII

### JOINT USE - ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. A cooperative effort shall be made by both parties to fully utilize an existing joint use pole by adjusting facilities before a pole replacement is made. Whenever a joint pole replacement is required, the location of the new pole shall be mutually acceptable.
- B. When a joint use pole must be replaced due to requirements of Owner, Owner shall notify Licensee, in writing, of the pending replacement. Licensee shall promptly respond, in writing, stating whether or not any special considerations are desired. Both parties shall make a good faith effort to give advance oral notification.
- C. When a joint use pole must be replaced due to requirements of Licensee, Licensee shall request Owner, in writing, to replace such pole. If Owner cannot make such replacement, then Licensee may, with Owner's permission, make the replacement and Owner will transfer its facilities. Owner will retain ownership unless otherwise mutually agreed to and Licensee will be reimbursed by Owner in accordance with a schedule of rates established by the Administrative Committee. The replacement of large numbers of poles shall be as stated in Article VI.
- D. If any joint use pole requires relocation or replacement for reasons for which neither party is solely responsible, including requirements of public authority, Owner shall at its own cost make such relocation or replacement and each party shall be responsible for the transfer of its facilities. Removal of the old pole shall be in accordance with Paragraph F, below.
- E. If either party requires an additional joint use pole to be installed in an existing line, the placing and ownership of the pole shall be determined by mutual agreement.
- F. Each party will assume its own transfer charges. However, the parties recognize the need for cooperation in locating replacement poles so that both parties' facilities are adequately provided for and transfer costs minimized. The last party to transfer from the old pole will remove and dispose of the old pole unless otherwise instructed by Owner. Responsibility for third party attachments shall be as specified in Article XIII.
- G. When a pole is replaced, the replacing party shall notify the other party when the replacement is completed.
- H. When mutually agreeable, additional pole height may be provided by a pole top extension in order to defer a pole replacement. Penelec will supply and install pole top extensions at the expense of the party requiring the additional joint use pole height. Each party shall make such rearrangement of its facilities as may be required, at its own cost and expense, in order to permit the use of a pole top extension.

## ARTICLE VIII

#### MA INTENANCE

- A. Owner shall, at its sole expense, maintain its joint use poles in a safe and serviceable condition and in accordance with the specifications of Article III.
- B. When replacing a jointly used pole carrying terminals of aerial cable, underground connections, or transformer equipment, the new pole shall be set as near as practicable to the hole which the replaced pole occupied unless special conditions make it necessary or mutually desirable to set it in a different location.
- C. Owner shall give Licensee written notice of all pending joint use pole replacements and Licensee shall reply within ten (10) working days whether or not any special considerations are desired. Emergency replacements by owner which do not permit sufficient interval for written notification are excepted.
- D. Each party will assume its own transfer charges. However, the parties recognize the need for cooperation in locating replacement poles so that both parties' facilities are adequately provided for and transfer costs minimized. The last party to transfer from the replaced pole will remove and dispose of the replaced pole unless otherwise instructed by Owner. Responsibility for third party attachments shall be as specified in Article XIII.

## ARTICLE IX

## RIGHT OF WAY

No guarantee is given by Owner for permission from property owners, municipalities or any other party for the use of its poles by Licensee. Licensee shall, at its own expense, secure all necessary rights of permissions from the owners of property and public authorities involved for use of Owner's poles by Licensee. The parties may, if mutually agreeable, elect to secure joint rights of way or permissions.

### ARTICLE X

### **GUYING**

- A. Each party shall place, at its own expense, guy wires required for the support of its own wires and appliances on joint use poles.
- B. In connection with the erection of poles for joint use either as an additional line, line extension or reconstruction of an existing line, Owner shall place, at its own expense, multi-eye anchors of sufficient strength for mutual use at common guying points.
- C. Authorized company representatives will determine required strength of joint use anchors.
- D. Anchors required solely for the purposes of one of the parties shall be placed by and at the expense of that party.

## ARTICLE XI

#### TRIMING AND CLEARING

Each of the parties shall be responsible for the initial and/or maintenance trimming or cutting of trees as may be necessary to clear its own wires and attachments on jointly used poles provided, however, that the parties may agree, in cases mutually advantageous, that one of the parties will arrange for trimming to clear the wires and appliances of both parties, the cost thereof to be shared upon such basis as has been agreed upon prior to the start of work.

## ARTICLE XII

### BONDING & GROUNDING

- A. In connection with the joint use of poles hereunder, inductive and protective coordination measures make desirable the interconnection of Bell's cable plant and/or protective equipment with Penelec's system neutral. In no case shall interconnection be made to a ground wire that is not connected to a system neutral, such as a lightning arrester, or any other ground where the connection to the system neutral is not clearly visible. Caution shall be exercised by both parties to prevent nullification of an isolated service neutral (electrical) at a customer location.
- B. At a pole where there is an existing vertical ground wire connected to Penelec's system neutral, Bell may place bond wire connecting its cable strand and/or guy to the vertical wire at telephone grade location.
- C. At a pole where there is not an existing ground wire connected to Penelec's system neutral, Bell may place a coiled length of bond wire connected to its cable strand and/or guy and request Penelec to connect bond wire to the system neutral.
- D. Bonding as may be required between a Bell guy and a Penelec guy not attached to the same anchor rod may be placed and connected by either party.

# ARTICLE XIII

### THIRD PARTY ATTACHMENTS

- A. Each party shall be solely responsible for facilities owned by its respective customers which are attached to jointly used poles. Such customer-owned attachments shall be limited, as to any pole, to such number as will not interfere with the use of the pole by both Owner and Licensee. Customer owned facilities are those which are owned by the customer and used solely for the purpose of providing service to the customer residence or building. It is understood and agreed that the general license granted hereunder is intended to include such customer-owned facilities.
- B. Each party consents to the attachment of a third party when attachments of the third party are made in accordance with the National Electrical Safety Code and the specific requirements of both Owner and Licensee.
- C. All contracts covering the attachment to joint use poles by third parties, other than customers of the Licensee, shall be made by Owner.
- D. The attachments by third parties are, for the purpose of this Agreement, considered to be the responsibility of Owner.

## ARTICLE XIV

# SERVICE REQUIREMENTS & EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

- A. In the event Owner of existing joint use poles or the party to become Owner of new joint use poles does not install, replace or relocate such poles in time to meet the service requirements of Licensee, Licensee may request permission from Owner to proceed with such work as is necessary to meet Licensee's service requirements and, if granted, complete such work and bill Owner according to the schedule of rates established by the Administrative Committee.
- B. In the event of emergency situations, Licensee may, upon notice to Owner, install, replace or relocate such poles as may be necessary to alleviate said emergency conditions. Upon completion of such work, Owner shall reimburse Licensee in accordance with the schedule of pole rates referred to in paragraph A, provided the ownership of the pole does not change.

## ARTICLE XV

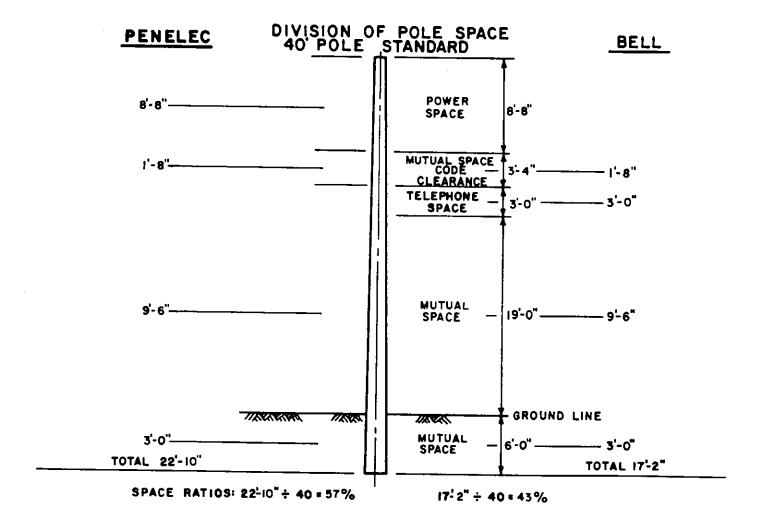
# CHANGES IN OR REMOVAL OF WIRES AND ATTACHMENTS

- A. Whenever either party desires to change the character of its circuits on any joint use poles and such change might affect the inductive nature of the facility, or which will result in increased or decreased clearance separations as provided in Article III, that party shall notify the other party in writing of such contemplated change and the joint use of such poles shall continue with such changes in construction as may be required to meet the terms of Article III. Should the parties fail to agree upon conditions which would permit continued joint use, they shall then cooperate to determine the most practical and economical method of effectively providing for separate lines and the equitable apportionment of the net expense involved. In the event that the parties cannot agree as to the method of effectively providing for separate lines, Licensee shall remove its attachments from the jointly used poles at its expense.
- B. Licensee may, at any time, remove all of its wires and appliances from any of Owner's poles. Any liabilities, fees or charges incurred under this agreement prior to the removal shall not be terminated or affected thereby.
- C. Owner may, at any time, abandon the use of any licensed joint use pole. If Owner is not obligated to remove such pole, Owner shall give Licensee thirty (30) days notice in writing to remove its attachments or purchase such pole for an equitable sum as may be agreed upon by parties. If Licensee elects to purchase said pole, Owner shall deliver to Licensee an appropriate instrument transferring title thereto. If Owner is obligated to remove such pole upon abandonment by it or if Licensee elects not to purchase, Licensee shall remove its facilities.
- D. Upon such transfer of ownership, the party to whom the ownership of poles is transferred shall thereafter defend and save harmless the party from whom the ownership is transferred from all detriment, damage, losses, liability, claims, demands, suits, costs and expenses of every kind and description, by reason of or in any way resulting from the presence, maintenance, operation or removal of said transferred poles or the wires and appliances thereon, or by reason of the acts or negligence of the agents or employees of the party to whom the ownership is transferred in maintaining, operating or removing said transferred poles and the wires and appliances thereon, or their acts or negligence while engage in such work provided, however, that any liability incurred prior to the transfer of ownership shall not be terminated or affected thereby.

### ARTICLE XVI

#### COMPENSATION

- A. Compensation shall be paid to Owner by Licensee for each of Owner's poles to which Licensee is attached except clearance attachments as stated in Paragraph E. Push braces are considered to be guys.
- B. The amount of compensation will be based upon the annual carrying cost applicable to distribution poles of both parties and the relative usage by each party of an average joint use pole expressed as a percentage. For the purpose of calculating compensation, an average joint use pole is established as being a forty foot (40') wood pole with 43% of such pole being utilized by Bell and 57% of such pole being utilized by Penelec. Thus, Bell will annually pay to Penelec an amount equal to 43% of the Penelec annual carrying cost for each pole owned by Penelec to which it is attached. Penelec will annually pay to Bell an amount equal to 57% of the Bell annual carrying cost for each pole owned by Bell to which it is attached. Pole space utilization has been determined by the following drawing and associated computation:



### ARTICLE XVI

# COMPENSATION (Continued)

- C. On or before the first day of May of each year, the Administrative Committee will calculate the pole compensation fees for that year as follows:
  - 1. Each Company will calculate its average Annual Carrying Cost (ACC) for distribution poles.
  - 2. Calculating of the compensation fees:

 $C_T = ACC \times .57$ 

 $C_P = ACC \times .43$ 

Where:

CT = Compensation for Bell owned poles to which Penelec is attached.

Cp = Compensation for Penelec owned poles to which Bell is attached.

- D. Payments of all compensation under this Agreement shall be due and payable as of June 30th of each year during the continuance of this Agreement, and will be based on the number of poles jointly used as of the last day of the preceding March. The party having the net credit balance shall render a bill therefore to the other party.
- E. No compensation shall be paid by the Licensee for the joint use of any pole of the Owner where such use consists only in attaching thereto wires or cable of the Licensee for the purpose of providing clearance between the pole and such wires or cables and not for the purpose of supporting the said wires or cables.

### ARTICLE XVII

### PAYMENT OF TAXES

Owner shall pay all taxes and fees legally levied on joint use poles except where authorites levy taxes or fees legally on each party in which case each shall be responsible for payment as stipulated by law.

# ARTICLE XVIII

### ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

Neither party shall assign or otherwise dispose of this Agreement or its rights or interests hereunder or in any of the poles or attachments covered by this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent or limit the right of either party, nor shall such written consent be required, to make a lease or transfer any or all its property, rights, privileges and franchises to another corporation organized for the purpose of conducting a business of the same general character as that of the lessor or transferor, or to enter into any lawful merger or consolidation, or to make a general mortgage of all its property, rights, merger, consolidation or mortgage, the rights and obligations acquired under this Agreement shall pass to the lessee, assignee, merging or consolidating company or trustee under such mortgage. All liabilities hereunder shall bind and all rights acquired hereunder shall inure to the successors and assigns of the parties to the extent in this Article provided.

## ARTICLE XIX

#### WAIVER OF TERMS OR CONDITIONS

The failure of either party to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement shall not constitute a general waiver or relinquishment of any other such terms or conditions, but the same shall be and remain at all times in full force and effect.

### ARTICLE XX

### **DEFAULTS**

- A. If Licensee shall be in default in any of its obligations stipulated herein, and such default continues for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to written notice given by Owner, Owner may, if it so elects, permanently terminate Licensee's right to attach to poles with respect to which such default exists, in which event Licensee shall promptly remove its attachments from such poles at its expense and upon the failure of Licensee to so remove its attachments Owner may remove such attachments and Licensee shall pay Owner the cost of such removal. Such termination shall not be construed as a waiver of the right to enforce any liabilities for costs incurred or to be incurred for the collection of any sums theretofore or thereafter due.
- B. If Owner shall be in default in any obligations stiuplated herein, and such default continues for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to written notice thereof given by Licensee, Owner hereby agrees to pay in connection with such default, all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by Licensee as a result of such default in assuring the safety and adequacy of its service.

# ARTICLE XXI

## TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall become effective on April 1, 198% and, subject to the conditions of Article XX, DEFAULTS, herein, this Agreement may be terminated, so far as concerns further granting of joint use, by either party hereto at the expiration of five (5) years from the effective date hereof upon one (1) year's notice in writing to the other party of an intention so to terminate it; provided, that if not so terminated, it shall continue thereafter until terminated by either party at any time upon one (1) year's notice in writing to the other party as aforesaid: and provided further that notwithstanding such termination, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all poles jointly used by the parties hereto at the time of such terminations and to any replacement of such poles.

## ARTICLE XXII

# CANCELLATION OF PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS

The Agreement dated April I, 1947, and the supplemental agreements dated March 9, 1961, April 18, 1967, May 3, 1971 and April 5, 1984, and any other such agreement or supplement, between the parties or their predecessors for the joint use of poles within the territory covered by this Agreement are considered to be terminated individually according to the terms of each agreement involved and after the effective date of this Agreement shall be, and the same hereby are null, void, and of no further force and effect and all existing joint use poles are hereby brought under and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement provided, however, that any liability that had been incurred under such existing agreements prior to the date of termination shall be established as provided in that Agreement, except that ownership shall be determined as of the date such liability was incurred.

In witness whereof, the parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed the day and year first above written.

Pennsylvania Electric Company

Attest:

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A. Poole - Vice President

The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania

Attest:

Assistant Secretary

by

President & CEO

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# Interpretation and Administration Procedures

<u>of</u>

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<u>between</u>

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<u>and</u>

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## BETWEEN

# PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY

## AND

# THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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GUIDE TO PRACTICE

In Connection With General Joint Use Agreement Between

Pennsylvania Electric Company and The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania

> Dated: May 12, 1986 Effective: April 1, 1986

To establish uniform practices and procedures applying to joint use of poles under the terms of the General Joint Use Agreement dated (Effective date April 1, 1986) between Pennsylvania Electric Company (Penelec) and The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania (Bell) the following interpretation of the terms of the Agreement and working practices are herein set forth. It is understood that nothing herein contained shall alter or cancel any part or parts of this Agreement, and furthermore, that these interpretations may be changed at any time by mutual consent upon request of either party.

# INTERPRETATION OF AGREEMENT

# I. Article IV - Administrative Committee

# No. 1 Forms and Procedures

DN-89 Joint Use Source Document shall be the form used by both companies for attachments to each others poles (Exhibit I). See the attached instructions for using this document.

DN-24 Notice of Abandonment of Joint Poles and Transfer of Ownership shall be the document used to transfer ownership of poles from the Owner to the Licensee (Exhibit II).

No. 2 Compensation - Refer to Article XVI on Agreement Pages 10 and 11.

Both companies shall include the following cost factors in the compensation calculation:

- A. Depreciation Expense
- B. Operation and Maintenance Expense
- C. Rate of Return
- D. Income Taxes
- E. PA Capital Stock Tax
- F. Administrative and General Expense

### EXAMPLE

	Poles	Annual Carrying Cost	Usag <u>Rati</u>		Compensation
Poles Owned By Penelec	75179	x \$ 44.13	X .43	=	\$1,426,589.19
Poles Owned By Bell	41360	<b>\$ 43.70</b>	X .57		\$1,030,236.24
	Net (	Compensation	Due Pene	lec	VZ00337 \$ 396,352.95

# I. Article IV - Administrative Committee (Continued)

# No. 3 Accounting for Pole Change Out Costs

Costs incurred by Pennsylvania Electric Company will be accumulated on a Miscellaneous Sales Order in conjunction with a blanket work order and billed on the Miscellaneous Sales Order.

Costs incurred by Bell Atlantic - Pennsylvania will be accumulated and billed on a custom work order.

Pole change out costs between the two companies will be billed in accordance with the pole price schedule that is listed below.

# No.4 Pole Price Schedule for Change Outs - refer to Article XIV on Agreement Page No. 8

The following price schedule has been agreed upon by the parties for use in connection with operations under the Agreement and should be revised annually, as required.

## Schedule of Prices - All Kinds of Poles - 100% Condition

	Reciprocal Price Schedule					
<u>Pole Size</u>	Service Related	Emergency Related				
35'	\$ 633.00	Actual Costs*				
40'	682.00	Actual Costs*				
45 '	711.00	Actual Costs*				
50'	826.00	Actual Costs*				
55 <b>'</b>	884.00	Actual Costs*				
60'	1,162.00	Actual Costs*				
651	1,812.00	Actual Costs*				

\*All direct and indirect costs associated with a pole relocation or replacement, including but not limited to appropriate overheads, meals and transfer costs.

## II. Article V - Establishing Joint Use of New Poles

The work order or sketch shall be the written document to notify the other company of joint use construction. A direct verbal contact should be conveyed to the other company in advance of the work order notification to enable the other company to determine if joint use is desirable. An #Approved For Joint Use# stamp (Exhibit III) must be placed on the work order to verify that both parties have knowledge of the pending construction. the Licensee desires to reserve space on the new pole(s), the Licensee must notify the Owner in a manner which is clearly understood. The pole numbers which are to be reserved for joint use should be circled in red on the work order sketch. This will eliminate any doubt by the Owner as to which poles are to be reserved for joint use. The company desiring to reserve space on the new facilities must reply within thirty (30) days.

# III. <u>Article VII - Paragraph D</u>

This article refers only to circumstances where a third party requests the change out. Vehicle accidents are covered under Article XIV.

# IV. Article IX - Right-of-Way

At the time of execution of Form DN-24, <u>Notice of Abandonment of Joint Poles and Transfer of Ownership</u>, right-of-way which was obtained in conjunction with the pole which is to be abandoned should be conveyed to the purchasing company. If the right-of-way is not available or may not legally be assigned, the new Owner must be notified.

# V. Articles XI - Trimming and Clearing

When building new lines, it is usually mutually advantageous to have one contractor trim or clear the right-of-way for both companies. It is recommended by the Administrative Committee that both parties agree to the sharing of costs prior to construction.

# VI. Article XV - Paragraph C

Use this schedule for pricing pole abandonments.

# Present Value in Place - Percent of "New" Full Value Based on 30 Year Life

25 years or more remaining life - 100%
20 through 24 years remaining life - 80%
15 through 19 years remaining life - 60%
10 through 14 years remaining life - 40%
6 through 9 years remaining life - 20%
3 through 5 years remaining life - 10%
less than 3 years remaining life - 0%
Example

 $40^{\circ}$  wood pole with 15 thru 19 years of remaining life = \$535.00 x .60 = \$321.00 remaining life value. Licensee will be billed \$321.00 on the transfer of ownership (Form DN24).

# PUBLIC VERSION INSTRUCTIONS

Joint Use Source Document (See Page 1 of the Guide to Practice)

The basic document is a three-part form which is originated by the <u>Licensee</u> to record new attachments to the owner's pole, removal of attachments, etc. Penelec and Bell division or district engineering personnel will prepare the "Joint Use Source Document." When completed, the "Joint Use Source Document" contains the information necessary for establishing a "Master Run" for the pole and its attachments.

For Penelec, the original copy of the "Joint Use Source Document" is forwarded to the Joint Use Department.

Personnel of the Joint Use Department will audit the information on the "Joint Use Source Document." Copy number two (owner's copy) of the "Joint Use Source Document" is mailed to Bell on a weekly basis. This copy may be used as a district file. Copy number three will be retained by the Licensee for a district file. At the end of the month the "Joint Use Source Documents" from the Penelec "System" are sent to the Keypunch Department for punching. The "Joint Pole Cards" and the "Joint Use Source Documents" are returned to the Joint Use Department. The "Joint Use Source Document" is stamped card cut and returned to the division and district offices.

For Bell, the Engineering Department forwards the original copy of the "Joint Use Source Document" to the Keypunching Department. The "Joint Use Source Document" is returned to the Engineering Department and the "Joint Pole Cards" are mailed to the Penelec Joint Use Source Department in Johnstown.

Copy number two (owner's copy) of the "Joint Use Source Document is mailed to Penelec on a weekly basis. This copy may be used as a District file. Copy number three will be retained by the Licensee for a District file.

After receiving Bell Telephone's "Joint Use Cards" from both Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, personnel from the Penelec Joint Use Department merge the "Joint Use Cards" of Bell and Penelec and send them to the Penelec Data Processing Center. The cards are input into the data process equipment, which produces a six-part run.

The six-part run is distributed as follows. One copy is retained by the Penelec Joint Use Department and one copy is separated into Penelec divisions and districts and distributed to the Penelec division and district offices. The last four copies are mailed to Bell offices in Altoona, Bellefonte, Indiana and Warren.

The above procedure is completed on a monthly basis. There is also a semi-annual run (master run) which is generated from the information which is collected on the monthly runs. The semi-annual run (master run) contains all of the information which has been collected on the monthly runs to date. The semi-annual run is distributed in the same manner as the monthly run.

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# Exhibit 8

GENERAL AGREEMENT

FOR THE

JOINT USE OF POLES

BETWEEN

PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY

AND

CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA

(EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1988 )

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This Agreement made this 1st day of January, 1988 between Continental Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, a public utility corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania corporation having its principal office in the Township of Derry, County of Dauphin, PA, hereinafter called Continental, and Pennsylvania Electric Company, a public utility corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, hereinafter called Penelec, a Pennsylvania Corporation having its principal office in the City of Johnstown, County of Cambria, Pa.

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Penelec and Continental desire to cooperate in keeping pole plant at a minimum in the territory covered by this Agreement and to provide for the joint use of their respective poles when and where joint use shall be of mutual advantage in meeting their service requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereto, for themselves, their successors and assigns, do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

### SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

- A. This Agreement shall be in effect in all of the territory of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in which both parties to this agreement now or may hereafter operate in common, and shall cover all poles of each party in the territory, when said poles are brought hereunder in accordance with the procedures hereinafter provided.
- B. Each party reserves the right to exclude from joint use (1) poles which, in Owner's judgment, are necessary for its own sole use; (2) poles which carry, or are intended to carry, circuits of such character that in the Owner's judgment the proper rendering of its service now or in the future makes joint use of such poles undesirable; and (3) poles where, in the Owner's judgment, joint use would not prove economical.

## ARTICLE II

#### DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Agreement, the following terms shall mean:

ATTACHMENTS means all wires, cables, appliances, apparatus, fixtures and appurtenances of every description now or hereafter used on poles of either party in its business.

JOINT USE POLE means a pole which under this Agreement is occupied by attachments of both parties at the time of execution of this Agreement or thereafter and includes steel I-Beam stub poles.

LICENSEE means the party to whom the right of joint use of any pole has been granted by the Owner.

NORMAL SPACE is the following described space on a joint use pole for the use of each party, respectively, except that attachments of one party may be located in the space normally set aside for the other party so long as such attachments are made in accordance with Article III - Specifications:

1. A space of nineteen (19) feet above the ground line shall be for the common use of both parties. The next three (3) feet shall be designated telephone space, above which shall be the standard separation space as established by the National Electrical Safety Code in effect at the time the pole became a joint use pole between communication facilities and power facilities. The remaining space to the top of the pole shall be designated power space.

OWNER means the party having title to and full ownership of any pole.

<u>ISOLATED SERVICE NEUTRAL</u> is a customer service neutral (electrical) which is not interconnected with the common neutral (electrical) of the primary distribution circuit.

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## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Each of the parties hereto shall construct and maintain its jointly used poles and its attachments on all jointly used poles in accordance with the applicable edition of the National Electrical Safety Code, except where the lawful requirements of public authorities may be more stringent, in which case the latter will govern.

Any existing joint use construction of the parties completed prior to this agreement, which does not conform to these requirements shall be brought into conformity therewith as soon as practicable.

# ARTICLE IV

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

- A. An Administrative Committee shall be established consisting of four members, two from each company. It shall be the responsibility of the Administrative Committee to interpret the Agreement, arbitrate questions, and to resolve problems arising from the operation of the Agreement. The Administrative Committee shall also be responsible for:
  - 1. Establishing such applications and permitting forms and procedures required in the licensing and recording of joint pole usage.
  - 2. Recalculation of pole compensation rates as prescribed in Article XVI.
  - Publication and maintenance of any interpretations, practices, and administrative procedures necessary to implement the administration of the Agreement, consistent with the terms hereof.
  - 4. Establishing a schedule of rates for billing purposes.
- B. The Administrative Committee will meet as often as required but must meet at least once annually. The Chairmanship of the Committee shall be rotated between the companies on a yearly basis.

### ESTABLISHING JOINT USE OF NEW POLES

- A. Whenever either party requires new pole facilities, either as an additional pole, a new pole line, or an extension of any existing pole line, where neither party has existing pole facilities, it shall promptly notify the other party's local representative, in writing, in order to determine the desirability of joint use. The other party shall promptly respond. Both parties shall make a good faith effort to give advance oral notification.
- B. If joint use is agreed upon, the parties shall cooperate in designing the proposed construction to meet the needs of both parties. Ownership of new pole structures will be determined by mutual agreement. The party which is to become Licensee will submit to Owner an application for joint use in such form and manner as may be agreed upon and established by the Administrative Committee. An authorized representative shall signify his authorization of the proposed joint use by promptly signing and returning the application as soon as the new pole structure is in place, the signed document thereby constituting a license for joint use.
- C. If joint use cannot be agreed upon, the parties shall cooperate to determine the most practical and economical method of effectively providing separate lines.

# ARTICLE VI

### ESTABLISHING JOINT USE OF EXISTING POLES

- A. Whenever either party desires to make an initial attachment to or reserve space on any pole owned by the other party, it shall make written application in such form and manner as may be agreed upon and established by the Administrative Committee. The Owner shall signify his authorization of the proposed joint use by promptly signing and returning the application, it thereby constituting a license for joint use. Either party has permission to attach to the other party's poles, without prior notification except those excluded from joint use as determined by the company representatives and only if the pole is of sufficient height, strength, and proper clearances to accommodate joint use provided, however, that written application for joint use shall be made to the Owner within ten (10) working days thereafter.
- B. If the pole is available for joint use but requires rearrangement of the Owner's facilities, the Owner will cooperate to make such rearrangements as may be necessary to allow the existing pole to be brought into joint use. Where the pole is inadequate and such rearrangement is not reasonable, the pole shall be replaced. Each party shall be responsible for placing, transferring and rearranging its own facilities.
- C. The parties hereto recognize that projects by either party which require large numbers of pole replacements could significantly affect the financial and manpower capacities of the other party. Each, therefore, agrees to give maximum notice of any such plans so as to provide sufficient interval for preparations. Neither party, as Owner, is obligated by the Agreement to replace poles for Licensee in such numbers as would be, in Owner's judgment, prejudicial to Owner.
- D. A disagreement which cannot be resolved by the supervisors of each party shall be referred to the Administrative Committee.

PUBLIC VERSION ARTICLE VII

### JOINT USE - ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. A cooperative effort shall be made by both parties to fully utilize an existing joint use pole by adjusting facilities before a pole replacement is made. Whenever a joint pole replacement is required, the location of the new pole shall be mutually acceptable.
- B. When a joint use pole must be replaced due to requirements of Owner, Owner shall notify Licensee, in writing, of the pending replacement. Licensee shall promptly respond, in writing, stating whether or not any special considerations are desired. Both parties shall make a good faith effort to give advance oral notification.
- C. When a joint use pole must be replaced due to requirements of Licensee, Licensee shall request Owner, in writing, to replace such pole. If Owner cannot make such replacement, then Licensee may, with Owner's permission, make the replacement and Owner will transfer its facilities. Owner will retain ownership unless otherwise mutually agreed to and Licensee will be reimbursed by Owner in accordance with a schedule of rates established by the Administrative Committee. The replacement of large numbers of poles shall be as stated in Article VI.
- D. If any joint use pole requires relocation or replacement for reasons for which neither party is solely responsible except under emergency vehicular related accidents, including requirements of public authority, Owner shall at its own cost make such relocation or replacement and each party shall be responsible for the transfer of its facilities. Removal of the old pole shall be in accordance with Paragraph F, below.
- E. If either party requires an additional joint use pole to be installed in an existing line, the placing and ownership of the pole shall be determined by mutual agreement.
- F. Each party will assume its own transfer charges except under emergency vehicular related accidents. However, the parties recognize the need for cooperation in locating replacement poles so that both parties' facilities are adequately provided for and transfer costs minimized. The last party to transfer from the old pole will remove and dispose of the old pole unless otherwise instructed by Owner. Responsibility for third party attachments shall be as specified in Article XIII.
- G. When a pole is replaced, the replacing party shall notify the other party when the replacement is completed.
- H. When mutually agreeable, additional pole height may be provided by a pole top extension in order to defer a pole replacement. Penelec will supply and install pole top extensions at the expense of the party requiring the additional joint use pole height. Each party shall make such rearrangement of its facilities as may be required, at its own cost and expense, in order to permit the use of a pole top extension.

### MAINTENANCE

- A. Owner shall, at its sole expense, maintain its joint use poles in a safe and serviceable condition and in accordance with the specifications of Article III.
- B. When replacing a jointly used pole carrying terminals of aerial cable, underground connections, or transformer equipment, the new pole shall be set as near as practicable to the hole which the replaced pole occupied unless special conditions make it necessary or mutually desirable to set it in a different location.
- C. Owner shall give Licensee written notice of all pending joint use pole replacements and Licensee shall reply within ten (10) working days whether or not any special considerations are desired. Emergency replacements by owner which do not permit sufficient interval for written notification are excepted.
- D. Each party will assume its own transfer charges except under emergency vehicular related accidents. However, the parties recognize the need for cooperation in locating replacement poles so that both parties' facilities are adequately provided for and transfer costs minimized. The last party to transfer from the replaced pole will remove and dispose of the replaced pole unless otherwise instructed by Owner. Responsibility for third party attachments shall be as specified in Article XIII.

## ARTICLE IX

## RIGHT OF WAY

No guarantee is given by Owner for permission from property owners, municipalities or any other party for the use of its poles by Licensee. Licensee shall, at its own expense, secure all necessary rights of permissions from the owners of property and public authorities involved for use of Owner's poles by Licensee. The parties may, if mutually agreeable, elect to secure joint rights of way or permissions.

### ARTICLE X

#### GUYING

- A. Each party shall place, at its own expense, guy wires required for the support of its own wires and appliances on joint use poles.
- B. In connection with the erection of poles for joint use either as an additional line, line extension or reconstruction of an existing line, Owner shall place, at its own expense, multi-eye anchors of sufficient strength for mutual use at common guying points.
- C. Authorized company representatives will determine required strength of joint use anchors.
- D. Anchors required solely for the purposes of one of the parties shall be placed by and at the expense of that party.

### TRIMMING AND CLEARING

Each of the parties shall be responsible for the initial and/or maintenance trimming or cutting of trees as may be necessary to clear its own wires and attachments on jointly used poles provided, however, that the parties may agree, in cases mutually advantageous, that one of the parties will arrange for trimming to clear the wires and appliances of both parties, the cost thereof to be shared upon such basis as has been agreed upon prior to the start of work.

## ARTICLE XII

### BONDING & GROUNDING

- A. In connection with the joint use of poles hereunder, inductive and protective coordination measures make desirable the interconnection of Continental's cable plant and/or protective equipment with Penelec's system neutral. In no case shall interconnection be made to a ground wire that is not connected to a system neutral, such as a lightning arrester, or any other ground where the connection to the system neutral is not clearly visible. Caution shall be exercised by both parties to prevent nullification of an isolated service neutral (electrical) at a customer location.
- B. At a pole where there is an existing vertical ground wire connected to Penelec's system neutral, Continental may place bond wire connecting its cable strand and/or guy to the vertical wire at telephone grade location.
- C. At a pole where there is not an existing ground wire connected to Penelec's system neutral, Continental may place a coiled length of bond wire connected to its cable strand and/or guy and request Penelec to connect bond wire to the system neutral.
- D. Bonding as may be required between a Continental guy and a Penelec guy not attached to the same anchor rod may be placed and connected by either party.

### PUBLIC VERSION ARTICLE XIII

## THIRD PARTY ATTACHMENTS

- A. Each party shall be solely responsible for facilities owned by its respective customers which are attached to jointly used poles. Such customer-owned attachments shall be limited, as to any pole, to such number as will not interfere with the use of the pole by both Owner and Licensee. Customer owned facilities are those which are owned by the customer and used solely for the purpose of providing service to the customer residence or building. It is understood and agreed that the general license granted hereunder is intended to include such customer-owned facilities.
- B. Each party consents to the attachment of a third party when attachments of the third party are made in accordance with the National Electrical Safety Code and the specific requirements of both Owner and Licensee.
- C. All contracts covering the attachment to joint use poles by third parties, other than customers of the Licensee, shall be made by the company controlling the space in which the third party attachment is made.
- D. The attachments by third parties are, for the purpose of this Agreement, considered to be the responsibility of the company controlling the space in which the third party attachment is made.

## ARTICLE XIV

# SERVICE REQUIREMENTS & EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

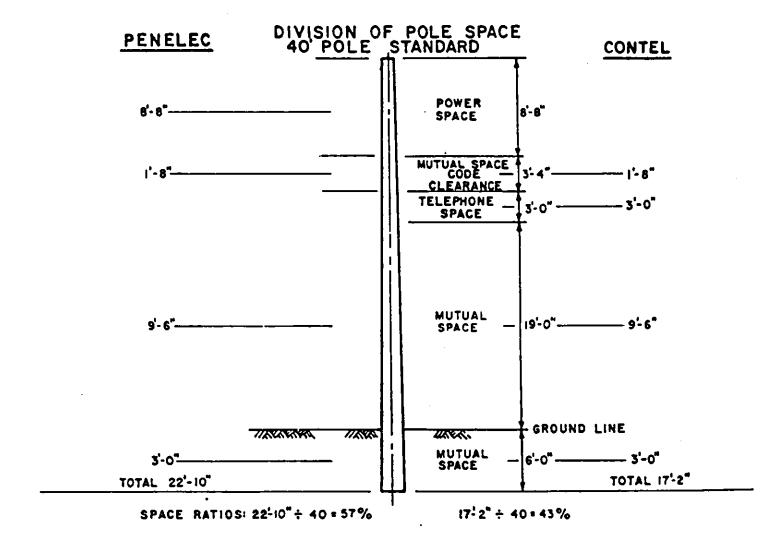
- A. In the event Owner of existing joint use poles or the party to become Owner of new joint use poles does not install, replace or relocate such poles in time to meet the service requirements of Licensee, Licensee may request permission from Owner to proceed with such work as is necessary to meet Licensee's service requirements and, if granted, complete such work and bill Owner according to the schedule of rates established by the Administrative Committee.
- B. In the event of emergency situations, Licensee may, upon notice to Owner, install, replace or relocate such poles as may be necessary to alleviate said emergency conditions. Upon completion of such work, Owner shall reimburse Licensee in accordance with the schedule of pole rates referred to in paragraph A, provided the ownership of the pole does not change.

#### CHANGES IN OR REMOVAL OF WIRES AND ATTACHMENTS

- A. Whenever either party desires to change the character of its circuits on any joint use poles and such change might affect the inductive nature of the facility, or which will result in increased or decreased clearance separations as provided in Article III, that party shall notify the other party in writing of such contemplated change and the joint use of such poles shall continue with such changes in construction as may be required to meet the terms of Article III. Should the parties fail to agree upon conditions which would permit continued joint use, they shall then cooperate to determine the most practical and economical method of effectively providing for separate lines and the equitable apportionment of the net expense involved. In the event that the parties cannot agree as to the method of effectively providing for separate lines, Licensee shall remove its attachments from the jointly used poles at its expense.
- B. Licensee may, at any time, remove all of its wires and appliances from any of Owner's poles. Any liabilities, fees or charges incurred under this agreement prior to the removal shall not be terminated or affected thereby.
- C. Owner may, at any time, abandon the use of any licensed joint use pole. If Owner is not obligated to remove such pole, Owner shall give Licensee thirty (30) days notice in writing to remove its attachments or purchase such pole for an equitable sum as may be agreed upon by parties. If Licensee elects to purchase said pole, Owner shall deliver to Licensee an appropriate instrument transferring title thereto. If Owner is obligated to remove such pole upon abandonment by it or if Licensee elects not to purchase, Licensee shall remove its facilities.
- D. Upon such transfer of ownership, the party to whom the ownership of poles is transferred shall thereafter defend and save harmless the party from whom the ownership is transferred from all detriment, damage, losses, liability, claims, demands, suits, costs and expenses of every kind and description, by reason of or in any way resulting from the presence, maintenance, operation or removal of said transferred poles or the wires and appliances thereon, or by reason of the acts or negligence of the agents or employees of the party to whom the ownership is transferred in maintaining, operating or removing said transferred poles and the wires and appliances thereon, or their acts or negligence while engage in such work provided, however, that any liability incurred prior to the transfer of ownership shall not be terminated or affected thereby.

# PUBLIC VERSION COMPENSATION

- A. Compensation shall be paid to Owner by Licensee for each of Owner's poles to which Licensee is attached. Push braces are considered to be guys.
- B. The amount of compensation will be based upon the annual carrying cost applicable to distribution poles of both parties and the relative usage by each party of an average joint use pole expressed as a percentage. For the purpose of calculating compensation, an average joint use pole is established as being a forty foot (40') wood pole with 43% of such pole being utilized by Continental and 57% of such pole being utilized by Penelec. Thus, Continental will annually pay to Penelec an amount equal to 43% of the Penelec annual carrying cost for each pole owned by Penelec to which it is attached. Penelec will annually pay to Continental an amount equal to 57% of the Continental annual carrying cost for each pole owned by Continental to which it is attached. Pole space utilization has been determined by the following drawing and associated computation:



#### PUBLIC VERSION ARTICLE XVI

### COMPENSATION (Continued)

- C. On or before the first day of February of each year, the Administrative Committee will calculate the pole compensation fees for that year as follows:
  - 1. Each Company will calculate its average Annual Carrying Cost (ACC) for distribution poles.
  - 2. Calculating of the compensation fees:

 $C_T = ACC \times .57$ 

 $C_p = ACC \times .43$ 

#### Where:

- C<sub>T</sub> = Compensation for Continental owned poles to which Penelec is attached.
- Cp = Compensation for Penelec owned poles to which Continental is attached.
- D. Payments of all compensation under this Agreement shall be due and payable as of March 31 of each year during the continuance of this Agreement, and will be based on the number of poles jointly used as of the last day of the preceding December. The party having the net credit balance shall render a bill therefore to the other party.
- E. The change from the rental billing method to the compensation billing method will be phased in over a three-year time frame. In the first year of the Agreement, 1/3 of the annual compensation rate (annual wood distribution pole carrying costs) for both companies shall be used to determine the annual compensation billing. See Page No. 1 of the Guide to Practice for examples.

In the second year of the Agreement, 2/3 of the annual compensation rate for both companies shall be used to determine the annual compensation billing.

In the third year of the Agreement, full compensation shall be used to determine the annual compensation billing.

Full compensation shall be used to determine the annual compensation billing in succeeding years.

#### ARTICLE XVII

#### PAYMENT OF TAXES

Owner shall pay all taxes and fees legally levied on joint use poles except where authorites levy taxes or fees legally on each party in which case each shall be responsible for payment as stipulated by law.

#### ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

Neither party shall assign or otherwise dispose of this Agreement or its rights or interests hereunder or in any of the poles or attachments covered by this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent or limit the right of either party, nor shall such written consent be required, to make a lease or transfer any or all its property, rights, privileges and franchises to another corporation organized for the purpose of conducting a business of the same general character as that of the lessor or transferor, or to enter into any lawful merger or consolidation, or to make a general mortgage of all its property, rights, merger, consolidation or mortgage, the rights and obligations acquired under this Agreement shall pass to the lessee, assignee, merging or consolidating company or trustee under such mortgage. All liabilities hereunder shall bind and all rights acquired hereunder shall inure to the successors and assigns of the parties to the extent in this Article provided.

#### ARTICLE XIX

#### WAIVER OF TERMS OR CONDITIONS

The failure of either party to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement shall not constitute a general waiver or relinquishment of any other such terms or conditions, but the same shall be and remain at all times in full force and effect.

#### ARTICLE XX

#### **DEFAULTS**

- A. If Licensee shall be in default in any of its obligations stipulated herein, and such default continues for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to written notice given by Owner, Owner may, if it so elects, permanently terminate Licensee's right to attach to poles with respect to which such default exists, in which event Licensee shall promptly remove its attachments from such poles at its expense and upon the failure of Licensee to so remove its attachments Owner may remove such attachments and Licensee shall pay Owner the cost of such removal. Such termination shall not be construed as a waiver of the right to enforce any liabilities for costs incurred or to be incurred for the collection of any sums theretofore or thereafter due.
- B. If Owner shall be in default in any obligations stiuplated herein, and such default continues for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to written notice thereof given by Licensee, Owner hereby agrees to pay in connection with such default, all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by Licensee as a result of such default in assuring the safety and adequacy of its service.

#### PUBLIC VERSION ARTICLE XXI

#### TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall become effective on January 1, 1988 and, subject to the conditions of Article XX, DEFAULTS, herein, this Agreement may be terminated, so far as concerns further granting of joint use, by either party hereto at the expiration of five (5) years from the effective date hereof upon one (1) year's notice in writing to the other party of an intention so to terminate it; provided, that if not so terminated, it shall continue thereafter until terminated by either party at any time upon one (1) year's notice in writing to the other party as aforesaid: and provided further that notwithstanding such termination, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all poles jointly used by the parties hereto at the time of such terminations and to any replacement of such poles.

#### ARTICLE XXII

#### CANCELLATION OF PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS

The Agreement dated January 1, 1957 between Pennsylvania Electric Company and Steuben Telephone Company, and any other such agreement or supplement, between the parties or their predecessors for the joint use of poles within the territory covered by this Agreement are considered to be terminated individually according to the terms of each agreement involved and after the effective date of this Agreement shall be, and the same hereby are null, void, and of no further force and effect and all existing joint use poles are hereby brought under and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement provided, however, that any liability that had been incurred under such existing agreements prior to the date of termination shall be established as provided in that Agreement, except that ownership shall be determined as of the date such liability was incurred.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{PUBLIC VERSION} \\ \text{In witness whereof, the parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed the} \\ \text{day and year first above written.} \end{array}$ 

Pennsylvania Electric Company

Attest:

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Vice President

Continental Telephone Company of Pennsylvania

Attest:

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#### GUIDE TO PRACTICE

Interpretation and Administration Procedures

<u>of</u>

General Joint Use Agreement

<u>between</u>

Pennsylvania Electric Company

and

Continental Telephone Company of Pennsylvania

Dated: January 1, 1988

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#### BETWEEN

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#### RHBLIGVERSION

In Connection With General Joint Use Agreement Between

Pennsylvania Electric Company and Continental Telephone Company of Pennsylvania

> Dated: January 1, 1988 Effective: January 1, 1988

To establish uniform practices and procedures applying to joint use of poles under the terms of the General Joint Use Agreement dated January I, 1988 (Effective date January I, 1988) between Pennsylvania Electric Company (Penelec) and Continental Telephone Company of Pennsylvania (Continental) the following interpretation of the terms of the Agreement and working practices are herein set forth. It is understood that nothing herein contained shall alter or cancel any part or parts of this Agreement, and furthermore, that these interpretations may be changed at any time by mutual consent upon request of either party.

#### INTERPRETATION OF AGREEMENT

Poles Owned By Contel

#### I. Article IV - Administrative Committee

#### No. 1 Forms and Procedures

DN-21 Application and Permit for Right of Joint Use of Poles shall be the form used by both companies for attachments to each others poles (Exhibit I).

DN-23 Notice of Intent to Abandon Reserved Space shall be the form used by both companies when all poles on a permit are to be removed (Exhibit IV).

<u>DN-24 Notice of Abandonment of Joint Poles and Transfer of Ownership shall be the document used to transfer ownership of poles from the Owner to the Licensee (Exhibit II).</u>

No. 2 Compensation - Refer to Article XVI on Agreement Pages 10 and 11.

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	<u>Poles</u>		EXAMPLE FIRST YEAR Annual Carrying Cost		Usage Ratio			Compensation
Poles Owned By Penelec Poles Owned By Contel	1000 700	X X	\$ 44.09 X \$ 27.75 X		.43 .57	X X	.333	= \$ 6,313.25 = \$ 3,687.06
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			THIRD YEAR	}				
			Annual Carrying		Usage			
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Net Compensation Due Penelec

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X 1.00

700 X \$-27.75

### I. Article IV - Administrative Committee (Continued)

#### No. 3 Accounting for Pole Change Out Costs

Costs incurred by Pennsylvania Electric Company will be accumulated on a Miscellaneous Sales Order in conjunction with a blanket work order and billed on the Miscellaneous Sales Order.

Costs incurred by Continental Telephone Company of Pennsylvania will be accumulated and billed on a Billable Work Order.

Pole change out costs between the two companies will be billed in accordance with the pole price schedule which is listed below.

## No. 4 Pole Price Schedule for Change Outs - Refer to Article XIV on Agreement Page No. 8

The following price schedule has been agreed upon by the parties for use in connection with operations under the Agreement and should be revised annually, as required.

Schedule of Prices - All Kinds of Poles - 100% Condition

	Recip	rocal Price Schedule
<u>Pole Size</u>	Service Related	Emergency Vehicular Related
35'	\$ 462	Actual Costs*
401	482	II
45'	544	It
50'	606	ц
55'	697	и
60'	937	II
65'	1072	п

<sup>\*</sup>All direct and indirect costs associated with a pole relocation or replacement, including but not limited to appropriate overheads, meals and transfer costs.

#### II. Article V - Establishing Joint Use of New Poles

The work order or sketch shall be the written document to notify the other company of joint use construction. A direct verbal contact should be conveyed to the other company in advance of the work order notification to enable the other company to determine if joint use is desirable. An "Approved For Joint Use" stamp (Exhibit III) must be placed on the work order to verify that both parties have knowledge of the pending construction. If the Licensee desires to reserve space on the new pole(s), the Licensee must notify the Owner in a manner which is clearly understood. The pole numbers which are to be reserved for joint use should be circled in red on the work order sketch. This will eliminate any doubt by the Owner as to which poles are to be reserved for joint use. The company desiring to reserve space on the new facilities must reply within thirty (30) days.

There will be no compensation back billing for attachments of either company which are discovered during any field review. VZOO364

#### III. Article VII - Paragraph D

This article refers only to circumstances where a third party requests the change out. Vehicle accidents are covered under Article XIV.

#### IV. Article IX - Right-of-Way

At the time of execution of Form DN-24, Notice of Abandonment of Joint Poles and Transfer of Ownership, right-of-way which was obtained in conjunction with the pole which is to be abandoned should be conveyed to the purchasing company. If the right-of-way is not available or may not legally be assigned, the new Owner must be notified.

#### V. Articles XI - Trimming and Clearing

When building new lines, it is usually mutually advantageous to have one contractor trim or clear the right-of-way for both companies. It is recommended by the Administrative Committee that both parties agree to the sharing of costs prior to construction.

#### VI. Article XV - Paragraph C

Use this schedule for pricing pole abandonments.

#### Present Value in Place - Percent of "New" Full Value Based on 30 Year Life

25 years or more remaining life - 100%
20 through 24 years remaining life - 80%
15 through 19 years remaining life - 60%
10 through 14 years remaining life - 40%
6 through 9 years remaining life - 20%
3 through 5 years remaining life - 10%
less than 3 years remaining life - 0%

#### Example

40' wood pole with 15 thru 19 years of remaining life = 482.00 X .60 = 289.20 remaining life value. Licensee will be billed on the transfer of ownership (Form DN24).

#### EXHIBIT NO. I

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APPROVED FOR JOINT USE

As Submitted

With Exceptions as Noted

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## Exhibit 9



#### AGREEMENT

between

PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY

and

GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Covering Joint Use of Poles

(Effective January 1, 1958)

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THIS AGREEMENT, made as of January 1, 1958, by and between Pennsylvania Electric Company, a corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereinafter called "Penelec", party of the first part, and General Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, a corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereinafter called "Telephone", party of the second part.

#### WI TNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Penelec and Telephone desire to cooperate and establish joint use of their respective poles when and where joint use shall be of mutual advantage; and

WHEREAS, the conditions determining the necessity or desirability of joint use depend upon the service requirements to be met by both parties, including considerations of safety and economy, and each of them should be the judge of what the character of its circuits should be to meet its service requirements and as to whether or not these service requirements can be properly met by the joint use of poles.

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the distribution of costs of joint pole operations should be based on the cost of both Companies non-joint pole operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereto, for themselves, their successors and assigns, do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

#### SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

- (a) This Agreement shall be in effect in the areas in which both of the parties render service in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and shall cover all wood poles of each of the parties now existing or hereafter erected in the above territory when said poles are brought hereunder in accordance with the procedure hereinafter provided.
  - (b) Each party reserves the right to exclude from joint use:
    - (1) Poles which in the Owner's judgment are necessary for its own sole use; and
    - (2) Poles which carry, or are intended by the Owner to carry, circuits of such a character that in the Owner's judgment the proper rendering of its service now or in the future makes joint use of such poles undesirable; and
    - (3) Poles where in the Owner's judgment joint use would not prove economical; and

(4) Poles located on private property, which under the tariffs of either Company, are required to be provided by the customer.

#### ARTICLE II

#### EXPLANATION OF TERMS

For the purpose of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

OWNER is the party hereto holding title to and full ownership of a pole.

LICENSEE is the party hereto having the right under this Agreement to use a pole belonging to the other party.

ATTACHMENTS means all wires, appliances, apparatus, fixtures, and appurtenances of every description now or hereafter used on poles by either party in its business.

RIGHT OF JOINT USE means the right to make joint use of poles subject to the payment of rental therefor, for the purpose of making attachments thereto, which right, when granted, shall not be revocable by the Owner except as provided in Article IX and Article XIX.

SACRIFICED LIFE means the estimated remaining life which will not be realized due to premature replacement of a pole. To determine the value of sacrificed life, the ratio of estimated remaining life to the estimated total life of the pole shall be applied to the cost of such pole.

NORMAL SPACE on a joint pole is the following described space for the exclusive use of each party, respectively, except that certain attachments of one party may be located in space reserved for the other party in accordance with the specifications mentioned in Article III:

The space on the pole will be allocated on the basis of three feet (3') for Telephone, three feet four inches (3' 4") neutral space, and the remaining space above the twenty-four feet four inches (24' 4") for Penelec. See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

A NORMAL JOINT POLE means a pole which is just tall enough to provide normal spaces for the respective parties as aforesaid and just strong enough to meet the requirements of the specifications mentioned in Article III for the attachments ordinarily placed by both parties in their respective normal spaces. Specifically, a normal joint pole under this Agreement shall be a 40 foot, Class 5, wood pole, as covered by the American Standards Association specifications.

The foregoing definitions are not intended to preclude the use of joint poles shorter or of less strength than the normal joint pole in locations where such poles will meet the requirements of the parties hereto.

#### ARTICLE III

#### SPECIFICATIONS

Except as otherwise provided in Section (e) of Article VII, referring to construction temporarily exempted from the application of the specifications mentioned herein, the joint use of the poles covered by this Agreement shall at all times be in conformity with the National Electrical Safety Code, Fifth Edition; or in conformity with any modification thereof which may hereafter be agreed upon by the parties hereto. Any present or subsequent rules and/or regulations that may be issued by the Public Utility Commission of the Commonwealth of Permsylvania shall supersede the said National Electrical Safety Code, or modification thereof, when the minimum construction required by such rules and/or regulations is in excess of the construction required by said code or modification thereof.

#### ARTICLE IV

## ESTABLISHING JOINT USE OF EXISTING POLES AND INCREASED REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING JOINTLY USED POLES

- (a) Whenever either party desires to reserve space for its attachments on any pole owned by the other party, either as initial space on said pole, or as additional space, it shall make written application therefor, on a form similar to Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof, specifying the locations of the poles in question, the amount of space desired and the number and character of the circuits to be placed thereon. Within ten (10) days after the receipt of such application, the Owner shall notify the Applicant in writing whether or not said pole is among those excluded from joint use under the provisions of Article I. Upon receipt of notice from the Owner that said pole is not among those excluded and after the completion of any transferring or rearranging which is then required in respect to attachments on said poles, including any necessary pole replacement, the Applicant shall have the right as Licensee hereunder to use said space for attachments and circuits of the character specified in said application in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- (b) Whenever any jointly used pole or any pole about to be so used under the provisions of this Agreement, is insufficient in height or strength for the existing attachments and for the proposed immediate additional attachments thereon, the Owner shall promptly replace such pole with a new pole of the necessary height and strength and shall make such other changes in the existing pole line in which such pole is included as the conditions may then require and shall remove and retain the old pole, and Licensee shall pay to the Owner an amount as provided in Article VIII (e). Where mutually agreed upon, the Applicant may replace such poles and assume ownership thereof where necessary to equalize ownership ratios in joint poles, as provided for in Section (b) of Article V and Article XVII.
- (c) Each party shall place, transfer and rearrange its own attachments, including any tree trimming or cutting incidental thereto, shall place any guy wire necessary for its own requirements, and shall at all times perform such

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work promptly and in such manner as not to interfere with the service of the other party.

(d) Costs in connection with establishing joint use of existing poles, including any necessary pole replacements shall be borne by the parties hereto in the manner provided in Article VIII.

#### ARTICLE V

#### ESTABLISHING JOINT USE OF NEW POLES

- (a) Whenever either party hereto requires new pole facilities within the territory covered by this Agreement, either as an additional pole line, as an extension of an existing pole line, or in connection with the reconstruction of an existing pole line, and such pole facilities are not to be excluded from joint use under the provisions of Article I, it shall promptly notify the other party to that effect in writing (verbal notice subsequently confirmed in writing, may be given in cases of emergency), stating the proposed location and character of the new poles and the character of circuits it desires to use thereon. Within twenty (20) days after the receipt of such notice, the other party shall reply in writing, stating whether it does, or does not, desire space on the said poles and, if it does desire space thereon, the character of the circuits it desires to use and the amount of space it wishes to reserve. If such other party requests space on the new poles and if the character and number of circuits and attachments are such that the Owner does not wish to exclude the poles from joint use under the provisions of Article I, then poles suitable for the said joint use shall be erected.
- (b) In any case where the parties hereto shall conclude arrangements for the joint use hereunder of any new poles to be erected, the ownership of such poles shall be determined by mutual agreement to the end that Penelec shall own sixty per cent (60%) and Telephone forty per cent (40%) of the total number of poles jointly used under this Agreement, due regard being given to the desirability of avoiding mixing ownership in any given line. In the event of disagreement as to ownership of new pole lines, the party then owning the smaller number of joint poles under this Agreement with respect to the agreed ratio of ownership shall erect the new poles and be the owner thereof.
- (c) Each party shall place its own attachments on the new joint poles, including guy wires, and do any tree trimming or cutting incidental thereto, and shall perform such work promptly and in such manner as not to interfere with the service of the other party.
- (d) Each party shall place and maintain any anchors or guy stubs required solely for the support of its own attachments.
- (e) It is understood that where necessary, due to the requirements of both parties, the Owner of a pole or poles to be jointly used will construct and maintain associated anchors with twin eye anchor rods as may be mutually agreed upon.
- (f) Costs in connection with establishing joint use of new poles or guy poles shall be borne by the parties hereto in the manner provided in Article VIII.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### RICHT-OF-WAY FOR LICENSEE'S ATTACHMENTS

While the Owner and the Licensee will cooperate as far as may be practicable in obtaining rights-of-way for both parties on joint poles, no guaranty is given by the Owner of permission from property owners, municipalities, or others for the use of its poles by the Licensee, and if objection is made thereto and the Licensee is unable to satisfactorily adjust the matter within a reasonable time, the Owner may at any time upon ninety (90) days' notice in writing to the Licensee, require the Licensee to remove its attachments from the poles involved, and the Licensee shall, within ninety (90) days after receipt of said notice, remove its attachments from such poles at its sole expense. Should the Licensee fail to remove its attachments as herein provided, the Owner may remove them at the Licensee's expense without any liability whatever for such removal or the manner of making it, for which expense the Licensee shall reimburse the Owner on demand.

Owner shall, whenever possible, obtain rights-of-way for Licensee, when applying for original right-of-way grant, in order to anticipate probable joint occupancy of the poles.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### MAINTENANCE OF POLES AND ATTACHMENTS

- (a) The Owner shall maintain its joint poles in a safe and serviceable condition and in accordance with the specifications mentioned in Article III and shall replace such of said poles as become defective, except that where mutually agreed upon, the Licensee may replace such poles and assume ownership thereof where necessary to equalize ownership ratios in joint poles, as provided in Section (b) of Article V and Article XVII.
- (b) When replacing a jointly used pole carrying terminals of aerial cable, underground connections, or transformer equipment, the new pole shall be set in the same hole which the replaced pole occupied unless special conditions make it necessary to set it in a different location.
- (c) Whenever it is necessary to replace or to change the location of a jointly used pole, the Owner shall before making such replacement or change in location give notice thereof in writing (except in case of emergency, when verbal notice will be given and subsequently confirmed in writing) to the Licensee, specifying in such notice the time of such proposed replacement or relocation and the Licensee shall at the time so specified transfer its attachments to the pole at the new location.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in Section (e) of this Article, each party shall at all times maintain all of its attachments, including guy wires, and any necessary tree trimming or cutting incidental thereto, in accordance with the specifications mentioned in Article III and shall keep them in safe condition and in thorough repair; provided, however, that neither party shall be

required to rearrange any cable installed prior to the date of this Agreement, and carried on the street side of any pole, so as to occupy the field side thereof.

- (e) Any existing joint use construction of the parties, which is subject to the provisions of this Agreement and which does not conform to the requirements of Article III hereof, shall be brought into conformity therewith in the most practical and economical manner as attachments thereon are rearranged or renewed, or as the poles are relocated or renewed; provided, however, that neither party shall be required to rearrange any cable installed prior to the date of this Agreement, and carried on the street side of any pole, so as to occupy the field side thereof. When such existing joint use construction shall have been brought into conformity with said Article III, it shall at all times thereafter be maintained in accordance with Sections (a) and (d) of this Article.
- (f) The cost of maintaining poles and attachments and of bringing existing joint use construction into conformity with said specifications shall be borne by the parties hereto in the manner provided in Article VIII.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### DIVISION OF COSTS

- (a) The cost of erecting new joint poles under this Agreement, either as additional pole lines, as extensions of existing pole lines or as reconstruction of existing pole lines, shall be borne by the parties as follows:
  - (1) A normal joint pole, or a jointly used pole shorter than the normal, shall be erected at the sole expense of the Owner.
  - (2) A pole taller than the normal, the extra height of which is due wholly to Owner's requirements, shall be erected at the sole expense of the Owner.
  - (3) In the case of a pole taller than the normal, the extra height of which is due wholly to Licensee's requirements, Licensee shall pay to Owner a sum equal to the difference between the cost in place of such pole and the cost in place of a normal joint pole.
  - (4) In the case of a pole taller than the normal, the extra height of which is due to the requirements of both parties, Licensee shall pay to Owner the difference between the cost in place of such pole and the cost in place of a normal joint pole based on a ratio of sixty per cent (60%) for Penelec and forty per cent (40%) for Telephone.
  - (5) In the case of a pole taller than the normal, where a height in addition to that needed for the purpose of either or both of the parties hereto is necessary in order to meet the requirements of public authority or of property owners, sixty per cent (60%) of the excess cost of such pole due to such requirements shall be borne by Penelec, and forty per cent (40%) by Telephone; the

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balance of the cost of any additional height of such pole to be borne as provided in that one of the preceding paragraphs, 1, 2, 3, or 4, within which it would otherwise properly fall.

- (b) Where an existing joint pole is prematurely replaced by a new one solely for the benefit of the Owner, the cost shall be borne by the Owner.
- (c) Where an existing joint pole is prematurely replaced by a new one solely for the benefit of the Licensee, the cost of the new pole shall be divided as specified in Section (a) of this Article and the Licensee shall also pay to Owner the value in place of replaced pole, plus the cost of removal, less the salvage value of such pole. The replaced poles shall be removed and retained by Owner.
- (d) Where an existing joint pole is prematurely replaced by a new one in order to meet the requirements of public authority or of property owners (other than requirements with regard to keeping the wires of one party only clear of trees) the cost shall be borne as specified in Section (a) of this Article.
- (e) Where an existing non-joint pole is prematurely replaced by a new one solely because existing pole is not tall enough to provide adequately for Licensee's requirements, Licensee shall, upon erection of the new pole, pay to the Owner, in addition to any amounts payable by Licensee under Section (a) of this Article, the value in place of replaced pole, plus the cost of removal, less the salvage value of the pole removed, and the pole removed shall thereupon become the property of the Owner.
- (f) When, in order to improve an existing condition considered undesirable by both parties, existing poles of one of the parties are abandoned in favor of combining lines on poles of the other party, the then value in place of the abandoned poles plus the cost of removal less the salvage value of such poles shall be shared sixty per cent (60%) by Penelec and forty per cent (40%) by Telephone.
- (g) The expense of maintaining joint poles shall be borne by the Owner thereof except that the cost of replacing poles shall be borne by the parties hereto in the manner provided in Sections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this Article.
- (h) Each party shall bear the expense of placing, maintaining, rearranging, transferring, and removing its own attachments, except that in connection with the replacement or relocation of joint poles solely for the benefit of the Licensee, said Licensee shall bear the expense of transferring the attachments of both parties; and except as otherwise expressly provided in Article VI, and Article XIX.
- (i) All taxes and assessments levied on joint poles shall be borne by Owner, except where municipal authorities levy assessments for joint occupancy in which case each party shall pay his own tax.
- (j) Where service drops of one party crossing over lines of the other party are attached to such other party's poles, either directly or by means of a pole top extension fixture, the pole top extension fixtures shall be provided and installed at the sole expense of the party using them.
  - (k) Any payments made by Licensee under the foregoing provisions of this

Article for a pole taller than normal shall be in lieu of increased rentals and shall not in any way affect the ownership of said pole.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### PROCEDURE WHEN CHARACTER OF CIRCUITS IS CHANGED

When either party proposes to change the character of its circuits on jointly used poles to circuits that have not been generally used in joint pole construction by the parties hereto in the territory covered by this Agreement, it shall advise the other party as far in advance as practicable of such contemplated changes and in the event that the party agrees in writing to joint use with such changed circuits, then the joint use of such poles shall be continued with such changes in construction as may be required to meet the terms of the specifications mentioned in Article III for the character of circuits involved and such other changes as may be agreed upon. The parties shall cooperate to determine the equitable apportionment of the net expense of such changes. In the event, however, that the other party fails within ten (10) days from receipt of such notice to agree in writing to such change, then both parties shall cooperate in accordance with the following plan:

- (a) The parties hereto shall determine the most practical and economical method of effectively providing for separate lines, either overhead or underground, and the party whose circuits are to be moved shall promptly carry out the necessary work.
- (b) The net cost of re-establishing such circuits in the new location as are necessary to furnish the same business facilities that existed in the joint use section at the time such change was decided upon, shall be equitably apportioned between the parties hereto. In event of disagreement as to what constitutes an equitable apportionment of such cost, the Licensee shall bear the said net costs, provided that when, by mutual agreement, it is the facilities of the Owner that are moved to the new location, this cost shall exclude any increase in cost due to substitution for existing facilities of other facilities of substantially new or improved type or of increased capacity and shall also exclude such an amount as would fairly represent the value of the excess of expectancy of life of the new facilities over the remaining life of the old facilities.

Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, ownership of any new line or underground facilities constructed under the foregoing provisions in a new location shall vest in the party for whose use it is constructed.

When under the provision of this Article, Owner removes its attachments from jointly used poles, ownership of the said poles shall transfer in accordance with the provisions of Article XVI.

#### ARTICLE X

#### RENTALS

(a) Except as provided in Section (d) of this Article, Penelec shall pay

to Telephone for each year or fraction thereof, for the use of each and every pole any portion of which is occupied by, or specifically reserved at Penelec's request, for the attachments of Penelec, six dollars and sixty cents (\$6.60) per pole per amum and Telephone shall pay to Penelec for each year or fraction thereof, for the use of each and every pole any portion of which is occupied by, or specifically reserved at Telephone's request, for the attachments of Telephone, four dollars and forty cents (\$4.40) per pole per annum.

- (b) The rental per jointly used pole per annum shall be as specified in paragraph (a) of this Article for the first year this Agreement is in effect. At the end of the first year and each year thereafter, the rental rate may be changed by mutual consent of the parties hereto. The same sixty per cent (60%) Penelec and forty per cent (40%) Telephone ratio shall apply to the mutually agreed upon pole rental applicable after the first year this Agreement is in effect.
- (c) After the first three (3) years this Agreement is in effect for every pole that either Company is deficient with respect to the agreed percentages of sixty per cent (60%) and forty per cent (40%) (maximum variation from these percentages not to exceed five per cent (5%) of the total number of jointly used poles), full rental, one hundred per cent (100%), will be paid to the other Company.
- (d) No rental shall be paid by the Licensee for the use of any pole of the Owner where such use consists only in attaching thereto wires or cables of the Licensee for the purpose of providing clearance between the pole and such wires or cables, and not for the purpose of supporting the said wires or cables.
- (e) Rental payments hereunder shall be made on the first day of April of each year during the continuance of this Agreement for the year ending the thirty-first day of December next preceding, and shall be based upon a written statement to be submitted by each party hereto to the other on or before the fifteenth day of February, giving the number of poles on which space is occupied by or is reserved for, the attachments of the other party on the first day of January next preceding said date of payment. However, the first rentals hereunder shall be paid on April 1, 1959, and shall be for the year ending December 31, 1958.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### PAYMENT OF TAXES

Each party shall pay all taxes and assessments lawfully levied on its own property upon said jointly used poles, and the taxes and the assessments which are levied on said joint poles shall be paid by the Owner thereof except as provided in Article VIII (i).

#### ARTICLE XII

#### LIABILITY AND DAMAGES

Whenever any liability is incurred by either or both of the parties hereto

for damages for injuries to the employees or for injury to the property of either party, or for injuries to other persons or their property, arising out of the joint use of poles under this Agreement, or due to the proximity of the wires and fixtures of the parties hereto attached to the jointly used poles covered by this Agreement, the liability for such damages, as between the parties hereto, shall be as follows:

- (a) Each party shall be liable for all damages for such injuries to persons of property caused solely by its negligence or solely by its failure to comply at any time with the specifications herein provided for; provided that construction temporarily exempted from the application of said specifications under the provisions of Section (e) of Article VII shall not be deemed to be in violation of said specifications during the period of such exemption.
- (b) Each party shall be liable for all damages for such injuries to its own employees or its own property as are caused by the negligence of both parties hereto or that are due to causes which cannot be traced to the sole negligence of either party.
- (c) Each party shall be liable on the basis of its operations under this Agreement (sixty per cent (60%) Penelec and forty per cent (40%) Telephone) for all damages for such injuries to persons other than employees of either party, and for its portion (sixty per cent (60%) Penelec and forty per cent (40%) Telephone) of all damages for such injuries to property not belonging to either party that are caused by negligence of both parties hereto or that are due to causes which cannot be traced to the sole negligence of either party.
- (d) Where, on account of injuries of the character described in the preceding paragraphs of this Article, either party hereto shall make any payments to injured employees or to their relatives or representatives in conformity with (1) the provision of any workmen's compensation act or any act creating a liability in the employer to pay compensation for personal injury to an employee by accident arising out of and in the course of the employment, whether based on negligence on part of the employer or not, or (2) any plan for employee's disability benefits or death benefits now established or hereafter adopted by the parties hereto or either of them, such payments shall be construed to be damages within the terms of the preceding paragraphs numbered (a) and (b) and shall be paid by the parties hereto accordingly.
- (e) All claims for damages arising hereunder that are asserted against or affect both parties hereto shall be dealt with by the parties hereto jointly; provided, however, that in any case under the provisions of paragraph (c) of this Article where the claimant desires to settle any such claim upon terms acceptable to one of the parties hereto but not to the other, the party to which said terms are acceptable may, at its election, pay to the other party its portion (sixty per cent (60%) Penelec and forty per cent (40%) Telephone) of the expense which such settlement would involve, and thereupon said other party shall be bound to protect the party making such payment from all further liability and expense on account of such claim.
- (f) In the adjustment between the parties hereto of any claim for damages arising hereunder, the liability assumed hereunder, by the parties shall include, in addition to the amounts paid to the claimant, all expenses incurred by the parties in connection therewith, which shall comprise costs, attorneys' fees, disbursements and other proper charges and expenditures.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### BILLS AND PAYMENT FOR WORK

Upon the completion of work performed hereunder by either party, the expense of which is to be borne wholly or in part by the other party, the party performing the work shall present to the other party within one hundred twenty (120) days after the completion of such work an itemized statement of the costs and such other party shall within thirty (30) days after such statement is presented pay to the party doing the work such other party's proportion of the cost of said work.

#### ARTICLE XIV

#### EXISTING RIGHTS OF OTHER PARTIES

- (a) If either of the parties hereto has, prior to the execution of this Agreement, conferred upon others, not parties to this Agreement, by contract or otherwise, rights or privileges to use any poles covered by this Agreement, nothing herein contained shall be construed as affecting such rights or privileges, and either party hereto shall have the right, by contract or otherwise, to continue and extend such existing rights or privileges; it being expressly understood, however, that for the purpose of this Agreement, the attachments of any such outside party, except those of a municipality or other public authority, shall be treated as attachments belonging to the grantor, and the rights, obligations, and liabilities hereunder of the grantor in respect to such attachments shall be the same as if it were actual owner thereof.
- (b) Where municipal regulations require either party to allow the use of its poles for fire alarm, police, or other like signal systems, such use shall be permitted under the terms of this Article, provided attachments of such parties are placed and maintained in accordance with the specifications mentioned in Article III.
- (c) Each of the parties may from time to time, with the written consent of the other party, as provided for in Article XV hereof, issue licenses in its own name to third parties not covered under (a) above, for the attachment of such wires and apparatus as may, under the provisions of this Agreement, be placed in the space reserved for its use on jointly used poles, and may retain any rental that it may receive in connection with such licenses.

#### ARTICLE XV

#### ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, neither party hereto shall assign or otherwise dispose of this Agreement or any of its rights or interests hereunder, or in any of the jointly used poles, or the attachments or rights-of-way covered by this Agreement, to any firm, corporation or individual, without the written consent of the other party; provided, however, that nothing

herein contained shall prevent or limit the right of either party, nor shall such written consent be required, to mortgage any or all of its property, rights, privileges, and franchises, or lease or transfer any of them to another corporation organized for the purpose of conducting business of the same general character as that of such party, or to enter into any merger or consolidation; and, in case of the foreclosure of such mortgage; or in case of such lease, transfer. merger or consolidation, its rights and obligations hereunder shall pass to, and be acquired and assumed by, the purchaser on foreclosure, the transferee, lessee, assignee, merging, or consolidating company, as the case may be; and provided, further, that subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, either party may permit any corporation conducting a business of the same general character as that of such party, and owned, operated, leased, and controlled by it, or associated or affiliated with it in interest, or connecting with it, the use of all or any part of the space reserved hereunder on any pole covered by this Agreement for the attachments used by such party in the conduct of its said business; and for the purpose of this Agreement, all such attachments maintained on any such pole by the permission as aforesaid of either party hereto shall be considered as the attachments of the party granting such permission, and the rights, obligations and liabilities of such party under this Agreement, in respect to such attachments, shall be the same as if it were the actual owner thereof.

#### ARTICLE XVI

#### ABANDONMENT OF JOINTLY USED POLES

- (a) The licensee may at any time abandon the use of a jointly used pole by removing its attachments therefrom and by giving notice of said action to the Owner, in duplicate, on a form similar to Exhibit "C", attached hereto and made a part hereof. Licensee shall not be responsible for any detriments, damages, losses, liabilities, claims, demands, suits, costs, or expenses of any kind or description arising solely from conditions or actions existing or occurring after receipt of such notice and pertaining to the presence, maintenance, operation, or removal of such pole or the facilities thereon; provided, however, that liabilities incurred prior to said notice shall not be affected thereby.
- (b) The Owner may at any time abandon the use of a jointly used pole by removing its facilities therefrom and giving the Licensee thirty (30) days' notice thereof, in duplicate, on a form similar to Exhibht "D" attached hereto and made a part hereof, which shall be filled in so as to tender the transfer of title to Licensee. If Licensee shall not within said thirty (30) days have notified Owner of its intention also to abandon said joint pole, all the rights and liabilities of Owner in and to said joint pole shall be vested absolutely in Licensee, and Licensee shall thereafter save Owner harmless from all detriments, damages, losses, liabilities, claims, demands, suits, costs and expenses of every kind and description arising solely from any conditions or actions existing or occurring after the expiration of such notice period and pertaining to the presence, maintenance, operation, or removal of such pole or the facilities thereon; provided, however, that liabilities incurred prior to said expiration shall not be affected thereby. If Licensee shall have notified Owner of its intention also to abandon said pole but shall nevertheless have failed

to remove its attachments therefrom within thirty (30) days from the date of its notice of intention to abandon, all the rights and liabilities of the Owner shall pass to Licensee at the end of such second thirty (30) day period as if no declaration of intent had ever been made by Licensee. If Licensee shall notify Owner of its intention also to abandon said joint pole and shall remove its facilities therefrom within the time set forth herein, all the rights and liabilities of the Owner to said pole shall remain as theretofore.

(c) If Licensee elects to continue to use said jointly used pole after Owner has removed its facilities therefrom, Licensee shall pay to Owner such equitable sum for said pole as may be agreed upon by the parties, but failure to agree upon the amount of said payment shall not in any way affect the time of the change in the rights and liabilities of the parties to said pole. In determining the amount of such sum, any payments made under the terms of Article VIII, hereof, when the pole was originally erected shall be given consideration.

#### ARTICLE XVII

#### RATIO OF OWNERSHIP

In order that the parties hereto will at all times own a ratio of approximately sixty per cent (60%) Penelec and forty per cent (40%) Telephone of the total number of poles jointly used under this Agreement, the parties hereto will cooperate to the end that three (3) years after the date of this Agreement and at the end of each year thereafter, the maximum variation from the ratio of ownership will not exceed five per cent (5%) of the total number of jointly used poles. Due regard shall be given to the desirability of avoiding mixed ownership in any given line.

Ratio of ownership shall be achieved as set forth in Article V, Section (b), Article VII, Section (a), or the parties hereto will cooperate to the end that the representatives of both Companies will analyze each opportunity, and where possible, arrange for the Company owning the lesser number of poles hereunder, on the agreed percentages, to replace poles which are currently under the Agreements of January 2, 1932 and January 1, 1949 and poles currently under Joint Ownership in the Telephone's Sayre Division.

#### ARTICLE XVIII

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Representatives of Penelec and Telephone shall meet once each year during the month of April. The date and place of such meeting to be fixed by mutual consent. At the annual meeting, consideration shall be given to matters as follows:

- 1. Adjustment of Rentals (Article X).
- 2. Review of Guide to Practice, including Price Schedules (Article XXIV).

#### ARTICLE XIX

#### DEFAULTS

If either party shall make default in any of its obligations under this contract and such default continued sixty (60) days after notice thereof in writing from the other party, the other party hereunder may, at its option, forthwith terminate this Agreement as far as concerns future granting of joint use, or may remove, at the expense of the defaulting party, the attachments as to which such default exists, or both. Such removal or termination shall not be construed as a waiver of the right to enforce collection of any sums already due.

#### ARTICLE XX

#### WAIVER OF TERMS OR CONDITIONS

The failure of either party to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement shall not constitute a general waiver or relinquishment of any such terms or conditions, but the same shall be and remain at all times in full force and effect.

#### ARTICLE XXI

#### FUTURE STUDY

In determining joint pole costs, it is agreed that there are costs which are attributable to joint pole operations and it is further agreed that this matter will be subject to future study based on the principle as set forth in the Preamble of Page 1.

#### ARTICLE XXII

#### TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective as of January 1, 1958, and subject to the provisions of Article XIX herein, this Agreement may be terminated, so far as concerns further granting of joint use by either party, on or after the first day of January 1963, upon one (1) year's notice in writing to the other party, provided that if not so terminated it shall continue in force thereafter until terminated by either party at any time upon one (1) year's notice in writing to the other party as aforesaid, and provided further that notwithstanding such termination this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all poles jointly used by the parties at the time of such termination.

#### ARTICLE XXIII

#### CANCELLATION OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS

Upon the effective date of this Agreement, January 1, 1958, the following

Agreements now terminated will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement only as the poles are replaced:

Agreement dated January 2, 1932 between Pennsylvania Electric Company and Pennsylvania Telephone Corporation (General Telephone Company of Pennsylvania successor by acquisition) covering joint use of poles.

Agreement dated January 1, 1949 between Pennsylvania Electric Company and Pennsylvania Telephone Corporation (General Telephone Company of Pennsylvania successor by acquisition) covering joint use of poles.

All one-half (1/2) owned poles in General Telephone Company of Pennsylvania's Sayre Division between General Telephone Company of Pennsylvania and Northern Pennsylvania Power Company (Pennsylvania Electric Company successor by acquisition) covering joint use of poles.

#### ARTICLE XXIV

#### GUIDE TO PRACTICE

To establish uniform practices and procedures applying to the joint use of poles under the terms of this Agreement, it is understood that both parties to this Agreement will collaborate in preparing a "Guide to Practice" manual which will interpret the terms of the Agreement and working practices to be followed. It is understood that no terms or conditions of this Agreement will be altered by the Guide to Practice and, furthermore, that any interpretations resulting from this Guide to Practice may be changed at any time by mutual consent.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed in duplicate, and their corporate seals to be affixed thereto by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, on the day and year first above written.

(SEAL)

Attest:

Asst. Secretary

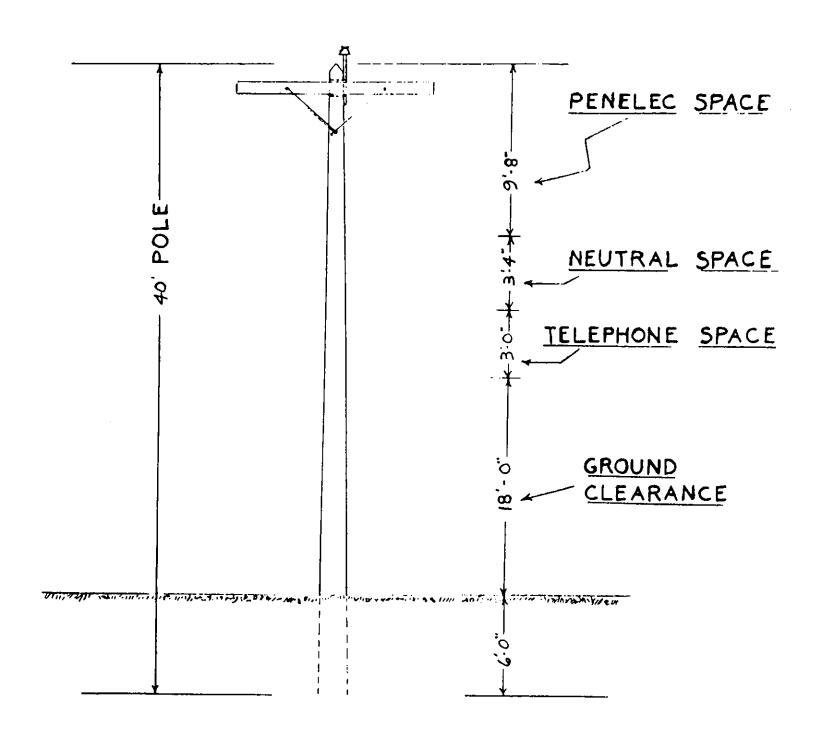
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ACTUMENT DATED JANUARY 1, 1958 COVERING JOINT USE OF POLES

THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT, made this twelfth of August 1966, by and between the PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY, a corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, party of the first part, and General Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, a corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, party of the second part.

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties hereto did on January 1, 1958, enter into a general agreement for granting to each other the right of joint use of each others poles; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to amend Article IV (a), Article IVI (a) and Article IVI (b) of said agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto, do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

- 1. That Article IV (a) of said agreement be deleted and the following substituted:
  - (a) Each party grants to the other the right to place attachments without specific approval upon any of its poles now standing or hereafter
    erected so long as said poles are not excluded from joint use under
    the provisions of Article I, Scope of Agreement. The Licensee shall
    notify the Owner of all attachments made to the Owner's poles using
    procedures as described in the Guide to Practice.
- 2. That Article XVI (a) of said agreement be deleted and the following substituted:
  - (a) The Licensee may at any time abandon the use of a jointly used pole by removing its attachments therefrom and by giving notice of said action to the Owner as described in the Guide to Practice. Licensee shall not be responsible for any detriments, damages, losses, liabilities, claims, demands, suits, costs, or expenses of any kind or

description arising solely from conditions or actions existing or occurring after receipt of such notice and pertaining to the presence, maintenance, operation or removal of such pole or the facilities thereon; provided, however, that liabilities incurred prior to said notice shall not be affected thereby.

- 3. That Article XVI (b) of said agreement be deleted and the following substituted:
  - (b) The Owner may at any time abandon the use of a jointly used pole by removing its facilities therefrom and giving the Licensee thirty (30) days notice thereof, on a form agreed to by both parties and executed in a manner to tender the transfer of title to licensee. If Licensee shall not within said thirty (30) days have notified Owner of its intention also to abandon said joint pole, all the rights and liabilities of Owner in and to said joint pole shall be vested absolutely in Licensee, and Licensee shall thereafter save Owner harmless from all detriments, damages, losses, liabilities, claims, demands, suits, costs and expenses of every kind and description arising solely from any conditions or actions existing or occurring after the expiration of such notice period and pertaining to the presence, maintenance, operation, or removal of such pole or the facilities thereon; provided, however, that liabilities incurred prior to said expiration shall not be affected thereby. If Licensee shall have notified Owner of its intention also to abandon said pole but shall nevertheless have failed to remove its attachments therefrom within thirty (30) days from the date of its notice of intention to abandon, all the rights and liabilities of the Owner shall pass to Licensee at the end of such second thirty (30) day period as if no

declaration of intent had ever been made by Licensee. If Licensee shall notify Owner of its intention also to abandon said joint pole and shall remove its facilities therefrom within the time set forth herein, all the rights and liabilities of the Owner to said pole shall remain as theretofore.

- 4. That this agreement shall in no way change or amend the said agreement of January 1, 1958, except as herein specifically set forth.
- 5. That this agreement shall extend to and bind the successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed in duplicate, and their corporate seals to be affixed thereto by their respective officers thereunto duly authorised, on the day and year first above written.

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	GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA
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# GUIDE TO PRACTICE

# Interpretation and Administration Procedures

of

General Joint Use Agreement

between

Pennsylvania Electric Company

and

General Telephone Company of Pennsylvania

Dated: January 1, 1958

# INDEX TO GUIDE TO PRACTICE

# GENERAL JOINT USE AGREEMENT

#### BETWEEN

# PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY

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# GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Dated: January 1, 1958

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#### GUIDE TO PRACTICE

In Connection With General Joint Use Agreement Between

Pennsylvania Electric Company and General Telephone Company of Pennsylvania

> Dated: January 1, 1958 Effective: January 1, 1958

To establish uniform practices and procedures applying to joint use of poles under the terms of the General Joint Use Agreement dated January 1, 1958 between Pennsylvania Electric Company (Penelec) and General Telephone Company of Pennsylvania (Telephone), the following interpretation of the terms of the Agreement and working practices is herein set forth. It is understood that nothing herein contained shall alter or cancel any part or parts of this Agreement, and, furthermore, that these interpretations may be changed at any time by mutual consent upon request of either party.

#### INTERPRETATION OF AGREEMENT

#### ARTICLE I. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

- (a) It is agreed that all poles of both parties now existing or hereafter erected may be made subject to joint use under the terms of this Agreement.
- (b) The Owner has the right to exclude certain poles where in his judgment joint use is undesirable.
  - (1) Poles which in the Owner's judgment are necessary for its own sole use; and
  - (2) Poles which carry, or are intended by the Owner to carry, circuits of such a character that in the Owner's judgment the proper rendering of its service now or in the future makes joint use of such poles undesirable; and
  - (3) Poles where in the Owner's judgment joint use would not prove economical; and
  - (4) Where, in accordance with the tariff of either Company, a customer is required to provide, install and maintain poles to support service wires of either Company between their main line and customer's premises, it is decided to use poles of either Company, application shall be made to the Owner by the Licensee in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

In special cases the annual rental charge to the Licensee may be waived due to special acquisition of poles by Owner. However, the Owner, prior to acquisition of poles of this class, shall advise the grantor that the Licensee may require reimbursement for rentals paid under this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE II. EXPLANATION OF TERMS

OWNER. LICENSEE. ATTACHMENTS. RIGHT OF JOINT USE. SACRIFICED LIFE. \*

#### NORMAL SPACE

- l. It is agreed that the Normal Space on a pole will be allocated on the basis of three feet (3') for Telephone, three feet four inches (3' 4") neutral space, and the remaining space above the twenty-four feet four inches (24' 4") for Penelec.
- 2. It is agreed that a Neutral Space of forty inches (40") minimum up to seventy-two inches (72") as required by Specifications must be provided and maintained between the spaces reserved for each Company. It is the <u>Joint Responsibility of Both Parties</u> to preserve this Neutral Space. See Exhibit "l" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NCTE: Where a pole taller than a Normal Joint Pole is required to "provide the proper clearance for the lowest telephone attachments above ground or track rails" the cost for the excess height will be allocated as provided for in Article VIII of the Agreement.

#### NORMAL JOINT POLE

A Normal Joint Pole is defined as a forty foot (40°) Class 5 wood pole. It is agreed where circumstances permit poles of lessor height and/or class will be used. It is to the advantage of both Companies to use smaller poles when conditions allow. For example, where a thirty-five foot (35°) pole meets minimum specifications as a joint pole, both Companies realize a saving.

#### SUB-NCRMAL JOINT POLE

A Sub-normal Joint Pole is defined as one which is shorter or of a lower class than the Normal Joint Pole.

If both parties agree to use a Sub-normal Joint Pole, the pole shall be considered, classified, and executed under the provisions of the Agreement for a Normal Joint Pole.

If a pole of this classification has to be replaced at a later date with a pole that affords sufficient height, class, etc., the provisions of the Agreement under Article VIII (e) regarding sacrificed life and removal costs are to be borne by the party requiring the pole change, and shall apply at the time the pole is replaced.

- 1. It is agreed the space on a thirty-five foot (35') pole will be allocated on the basis of three feet (3') for Telephone, three feet four inches (3' 4") neutral space, and the remaining space above the twenty-four feet two inches (24' 2") for Penelec. See Exhibit 1.
- 2. Space on a thirty foot (30) pole will be allocated on the basis of one foot (1) for Telephone, three feet four inches (3, 4, n) neutral space, and the remaining space above the twenty-one feet ten inches (21, 10, for Penelec. See Exhibit 1.

#### CLEAGANCE POLE DEFINITIONS

- 1. A Clearance Pole is a pole for which Licensee would not provide a substitute pole in the same approximate location if Owner elected to remove the pole in question.
- 2. Where overhead service wires or cables of Licensee are attached to poles of Owner for the purpose of maintaining required separation and/or vertical clearance, and not primarily for the purpose of supporting the said service wires or cables, such poles of Owner shall be classed as Clearance Poles. For example, when Owner or Licensee have their main pole line on the opposite sides of a thoroughfare, and where overhead service lines of Licensee cross the thoroughfare and attach to pole of Owner to maintain required separation from Owner's facilities, or for highway clearances, the Owner's pole shall be classed as a Clearance Pole and maintained as described in Article VIII (j).
- 3. Where overhead line wires or cables of Licensee are attached to poles of Owner at Owner's request and not primarily for the sole purpose of supporting the said overhead line wires or cables, such poles of Owner shall be classed as Clearance Poles.
- 4. When Owner maintains a long span line in a rural area that requires intermediate poles to reduce span length to accommodate the facilities of Licensee, the Licensee shall install and own the intermediate pole. The intermediate pole shall be of sufficient height and class to accommodate the Owner's facilities, and shall be classed as a Clearance Pole.
- 5. If one of the Companies is making a new mid-span crossing across the existing line of the other, a Clearance Pole of sufficient height and class for both Companies' attachments can be installed in the existing line of the other Company, unless impractical due to topography, etc.

#### ARTICLE III. SPECIFICATIONS

While it is definitely understood that the Specifications of the National Electrical Safety Code-Sixth Edition must be conformed with, the "Joint Fole Practices for Supply and Communication Circuits" (a report of the Joint Committee on Plant Coordination of the Edison Electric Institute and the Bell Telephone System, known as E.E.I. Publication No. M12 dated October 1945), or revision thereof, will be used as a guide in all fields of operation.

The plates included in N12 do not cover all types of construction. Heither are they intended to be used as construction drawings but only to show typical arrangements and give minimum requirements for clearance, strength, separation, etc. of the respective plants.

# ARTICLE IV. ESTABLICHING JOINT USE OF EXISTING POLES AND INCREASED REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING JOINTLY USED POLES

<sup>(</sup>a) Paragraph (a) of this Article stipulates the Licensee shall notify the Owner of all attachments made to the Owner's poles. The method of reporting to the Owner such attachments will be outlined in detail under "Operating Practices" Section C. Procedure of Reporting Attachments.

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- (c) It is Licensee's duty to advise Owner of additional guy loading to assist Owner in determining the guying requirements to be installed. If Licensee's additional guy involves use of Owner's guy stub, the guy pole shall be a rental pole.
  - (d) #

## ARTICLE V. ESTABLISHING JOINT USE OF NEW POLES

- (a) See foregoing under Article IV (a)
- (b) (c) (d) #
- (e) See foregoing under Article IV (c)

While not expressly set forth in this Article, it is understood that, where Owner is establishing a new joint pole line and Licensee will require additional non-mutual anchors, the Owner will, upon the request of the Licensee, secure the right-of-way, place the anchor and bill Licensee and Licensee shall own the anchor.

Also, where mutual anchors may not have been placed by Owner at all locations when joint line was originally established, Licensee may, if Owner agrees, obtain the right-of-way, place and own the anchor.

Where, at a later date, the Owner requires guying at the above mentioned locations he may purchase non-mutual anchors owned by Licensee at a rate, based on Price Schedules.

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# ARTICLE VI. RICHT OF WAY FOR LICENSEL'S ATTACHMENTS \*\* ARTICLE VII. MAINTENANCE OF POLES AND ATTACHMENTS

- (a) (b) \*
- (c) See foregoing under Article IV (a)
- (d) \*
- (e) Although not expressly set forth in this paragraph in the Agreement, it is understood that situations will be encountered where cables should be permitted to be attached to either side. Climbing space must be provided at all times.
  - (f) \*

# ARTICLE VIII. DIVISION OF COSTS

- (a) It is agreed that this covers all poles about to be made joint under this Agreement. They may be new poles or replacement of existing poles, except for the poles covered in Article VIII (e).
  - (1) It is agreed that when erecting new joint poles either as additional poles or as reconstruction of existing poles, and where replacing existing joint poles, normal poles shall be forty foot (40) Class 5 wood poles.
  - (2) It is agreed that a pole taller or stronger than the normal, the extra height or extra strength of which is due wholly to Owner's requirements, shall be erected at the sole expense of the Owner.
  - (3) It is agreed that a pole taller or stronger than the normal, the extra height, extra strength, or both of which is due wholly to Licensee's requirements, Licensee shall pay to Owner a sum equal to the difference between the cost in place of such pole and the cost in place of a normal joint pole.

- (4) It is agreed that a pole taller or stronger than the normal, the extra height or extra strength of which is due to the requirements of both parties, Licensee shall pay to Owner a sum based on a ratio of sixty per cent (60%) for Penelec and forty per cent (40%) for Telephone, of the difference between the cost in place of such pole and the cost in place of a normal joint pole.
- (5) It is agreed that in a case of a pole taller than the normal, where a height in addition to that needed for the purpose of either or both of the parties hereto is necessary in order to meet the requirements of public authority or of property owners, a sum based on a ratio of sixty per cent (60%) for Penelec and forty per cent (40%) for Telephone shall be borne by the Licensee, as the case may be. The balance of the cost of any additional height of such pole to be borne as provided in that one of the preceding Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, or 4, within which it would otherwise fall.

### Clearance from Trees

Although not expressly set forth in this Article, where a pole taller than Normal is required to clear the attachments of one party from trees, the cost of such excess height will be borne by the party requiring the additional height; and where a pole taller than Normal is required to clear the attachments of both parties from trees, the cost of the excess height will be borne by the parties on the basis of sixty per cent (60%) for Penelec and forty per cent (40%) for Telephone.

# Cost of Initial Rights-of-Way and Clearing Rights-of-Way for New Joint Line

The cost of initial Rights-of-Way and Clearing Rights-of-Way by Owner in excess of Owner's requirements and to meet requirements of Licensee shall be borne by Licensee. Since, in general, requirements of Penelec for cleared Rights-of-Way exceeds requirements of Telephone Company, the common cleared Rights-of-Way width shall be allocated as follows:

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Telephone	TWO	iniras
Telephone(1/3)	0ne	Third

# Cost of Additional Rights-of-Way and Clearing of Additional Width on Existing Lines

If on existing lines - either joint or non-joint -, additional rights-of-way and/or additional clearing are required, the cost thereof shall be borne solely by the Company requiring such additional rights and/or clearing.

# Maintenance of Joint Line Rights-of-Way

Owner shall maintain the cleared Rights-of-Way for the initial cleared width and the costs thereof shall be allocated by the Companies in the same proportion as the initial clearing unless requirements of either Company have changed.

#### Grading

- (a) When it is necessary, in order to maintain uniform grade, to erect a pole or poles higher than normal, such higher pole or poles will be considered as arising from the requirements of both parties, and, under this Article, Licensee will pay to Owner its forty per cent (40%) or sixty per cent (60%) ratio of the cost of the excess height, with the following exceptions:
  - 1. When grading arises out of excess height requirements of Owner, such poles will be erected at sole expense of Owner.
  - 2. When grading arises out of excess height requirements of Licensee, the Licensee will pay Owner the cost of such excess height as provided in Article VIII Division of Costs.
  - (b) (c) \*
- (d) In those cases where existing joint poles already taller than normal are prematurely replaced by new ones of additional height, to meet the requirements of public authority or property owners (requirements for clearance from trees excepted); the height above normal shall be borne as specified in those Paragraphs of (a) of this Article within which they properly fall.
  - (e) \*
- (f) From past experience, this section should be used only in special situations where other provisions of the Agreement do not apply.
- (g) It is agreed that when it becomes necessary to replace joint poles due to complete deterioration or as a result of damage, a normal pole will be replaced at sole expense of Owner. Poles taller than normal will be replaced by Owner and the cost of excess height will be borne as specified in those Paragraphs of (a) of this Article within which they properly fall. It is understood that in those locations where excess height on existing poles had not been previously assigned, the assignment and allocations of cost therefor, if any, will be made under the provisions of this section.
- (h) Although not expressly provided in this Article, it is agreed that both parties will bear the expense of transferring and rearranging their own attachments at all times in connection with the replacement and relocation of existing poles and the establishment of joint use, including clearance poles. It is agreed that both parties will bear the expense of transferring and rearranging their own attachments in all cases, although otherwise provided for in this Article.
  - (i) \*
- (j) Although not expressly stated in this section, where permission is given by Owner for attachment of service drop of other party and pole top extension fixture is installed as provided for clearance purposes, the Owner will replace such pole at his sole expense with a pole of adequate height for Licensee's direct attachment at such time as replacement becomes necessary. It is agreed that a clearance pole will be erected, relocated, replaced or removed at the sole expense of the Owner.

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#### ARTICLE IX. PROCEDURE WHEN CHARACTER OF CIRCUITS IS CHARGED

It is agreed that both parties will advise each other by letter and sketch so that the other Company will understand fully the nature of the proposed change. When Penelec proposes to change to a higher operating voltage, or proposes to install an additional circuit, it shall be their duty to submit a letter and sketch that designates all of the facts regarding length of the proposed feeder to be changed or added, voltage, number of phase conductors, wye or delta, with or without continuous neutral, type of grounds, and location of grounds that can be used by both parties to ground their protectors.

#### ARTICLE A. HENTALS

It is agreed that no rental will be paid for use of clearance poles as defined in this Guide to Practice.

- (a) It is agreed that, effective January 1, 1958, the annual rental for Penelec poles used by Telephone will be \$4.40 per pole and for Telephone poles used by Penelec will be \$6.60 per pole.
  - (b) (c) (d) \*
- (e) It is agreed that effective date of rental shall be January 1 of the year in which the pole is attached or space reserved by the Licensee.

ARTICLE XI. PAYMENT OF TAXES \*

ARTICLE XII. LIABILITY AND DAMAGES #

ARTICLE XIII. BILLS AND PAYMENT FOR WORK \*

ARTICLE XIV. EXISTING RIGHTS OF OTHER PARTIES \*

ARTICLE XV. ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS \*

## ARTICLE XVI. AEANDONNEWT OF JOINTLY USED POLES

An equitable sum as stated in this Article shall be the value of a pole which is high enough for the Licensee's requirements based on Price Schedules.

#### ARTICLE XVII. GATIO OF OWNERSHIP

It is agreed that the following method shall be employed to maintain the proper balance of ratio of total rental poles between the Companies.

- (a) The Company owning the number of poles below its ratio of the total rental poles shall install joint poles when new extensions are built or when sections of joint pole lines are reconstructed, relocated, etc.
- (b) Penelec's Property Records Department will furnish both Companies semi-annual schedules of rental poles owned by each Company.

(c) Although not expressly stated in this or any other Articles of this Agreement, all poles now under previous Agreements shall be governed by the provisions of this Agreement as replaced or relocated.

ARTICLE XVIII. ANNUAL MEETING \*

ARTICLE XIX. DEFAULTS \*

ARTICLE XX. WAIVER OF TERMS OR CONDITIONS \*

ARTICLE XXI. FUTURE STUDY \*

ARTICLE XXII. TERM OF AGREEMENT

ARTICLE XXIII. CANCELLATION OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS \*

ARTICLE XXIV. GUIDE TO PRACTICE \*

#### OPERATING PRACTICES

#### I. GENERAL

#### A. Joint Field Review

From past experience Joint Field Reviews of proposed construction and reconstruction of pole lines have been found indispensable in securing the proper application of provisions governing the joint use of such plant.

It is agreed that neither Company will underbuild or overbuild on separate parallel lines on the same side of the thoroughfare without having mutual consent.

#### B. Unauthorized Attachments

It is agreed in order to insure the successful operation of this Agreement that no unauthorized attachments on the part of either Company will be permitted. Exceptions will be made for emergency attachments such as services and others which cannot reasonably be covered jointly in the field before installing. Therefore, each Company will immediately initiate internal and inter-departmental routines to guarantee the prompt notification to the Owner of all attachments.

#### C. Neutral Space

The neutral space is provided for the protection of the workmen and plant of both parties. Therefore, it is important that both Companies cooperate fully in preventing attachments which encroach in this space.

#### D. Important Precautions

Past experience with joint use of poles indicates that there should be a stricter adherence to the specifications in regard to:

Climbing space
Position of ground wires
Position of guy wires
Position of insulation levels and guy insulators
Congestion of drop-loops (services), especially on transformer poles
Maintaining required clearance between services (drop-loops)
of both Companies to and on customers' buildings
Special emphasis to separate telephone service lines from electric company ground leads
Telephone service on high voltage poles

#### Grounding of Cable Messenger and Protector Grounds

where the Power Company employs a multi-grounded neutral system on a joint pole line, the Telephone Company may bond their cable messenger and protector grounds to the Power Company vertical ground wire. Vertical ground wires installed by the Telephone Company shall be connected to the multi-grounded neutral by the Power Company. If the Power Company places a new vertical ground wire on a pole having a telephone cable messenger in place, the Power Company will place a ground to the cable messenger. The Power Company shall check with the Telephone Company first to see if the messenger is grounded.

# Bonding and/or Grounding of Street Light Brackets

Where a multi-grounded neutral system is used on a joint pole line which supports street lights and Telephone Company cable messenger, the Power Company will bond the street light brackets to the multi-grounded neutral and to the cable messenger. In the absence of a multi-grounded neutral system the Power Company will bond the street light bracket to the Telephone Company cable messenger if permissible by the Telephone Company. If the Telephone Company places a cable messenger where street lights are in place, the Telephone Company may ground the messenger to the street light bracket and, if in place, to the multi-grounded neutral vertical ground wire.

#### E. Miscellaneous

## 1. Disposition of Poles to be Removed

In connection with the replacement (or removal) of a jointly used pole (or poles), where feasible both Companies will arrange to cooperate in the transfer of facilities to the new pole so that Owner may remove the old pole without delay. It is Owner's obligation to remove the old pole unless otherwise designated.

It is the duty of both parties to make certain that the other's wires are neither touched nor disturbed.

# 2. Emergency Pole Replacement by Licensee

In emergency cases where Licensee discovers a hazardous pole condition requiring immediate attention, Licensee may proceed with the corrective

work and bill Owner. When time permits, the Owner's consent will first be secured. This practice is necessary in the interest of public safety.

#### 11. FORMS

### A. Joint Use Field Note Form - Exhibit "A"

#### 1. Use of Forms

- (a) This form will be used in lieu of interchange of letters to notify either party as Owner or Licensee of proposals and/or requests involving joint use and by the other party to reply thereto.
- (b) The use and preparation of this form shall be on a local office or district level and will be used primarily between Penelec and Telephone Engineering Offices. The preparation of this form is illustrated on attached specific examples. See "A" Exhibits.
- (c) Both parties hereto may use this form as a source document for punching cards (See "C" of this section) when attaching to or reserving space on poles.

#### 2. Routing and Approval of Forms

Three (3) copies (more if required) will be prepared by Licensee

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G.T. Co. of Pa. Routing
#1 - Gentel Accounting #1 - P.E. Co. System Accounting
#2 - P.E. Co. District Engineering #2 - Gentel Division Engineering
#3 - Gentel Division Engineering #3 - P.E. Co. District Office
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#### 3. Numbering System

All Joint Use Field Note Forms will be identified by numbers. Field note numbers shall be assigned consecutively.

#### (a) Forms Originated by Telephone

Each form number will be prefixed by letter "G" to identify the Telephone Company: the location of the Telephone Company Divisions: E for Erie, O for Oil City, J. for Johnstown, L for Somerset, S for Sayre, V for Vandergrift, and the number of the Penelec Division. The forms shall be numbered consecutively starting with number one (1) for each location. Example - Forms originated by Gentel in the Johnstown Division would be numbered CJ1-1, CJ1-2, CJ1-3, etc.

#### (b) Active Prefixes for Telephone are as Follows:

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GE3 - Erie
                    Div. - Penelec Northwestern Div. 3
GOS - Oil City
                    Div. - Penelec Northerntier Div. 5
GJI - Johnstown
                   Div. - Penelec Southern
                                               Div. 1
GJ7 - Johnstown
                   Div. - Penelec Eastern
                                               Div. 7
GL1 - Somerset
                   Div. - Penelec Southern
                                               Div. 1
CV1 - Vandergrift
                   Div. - Penelec Southern
                                               Div. 1 (Indiana Dist.)
GS6 - Sayre
                   Div. - Penelec Northerntier Div. 5
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#### (c) Forms Originated by Penelec

Each form number will be prefixed by letter "P" to identify the Power Company: the letter to designate the Telephone Company Division

and the number of the Division of the Power Company: I for Southern (Johnstown); 3 for Northwestern (Erie); 5 for Northerntier (Oil City); 6 for Northerntier (Towanda); and 7 for Eastern (Altoona). The forms shall be numbered consecutively starting with number one (1) for each location. Example - Forms originated by Penelec in the Erie area would be numbered PE3-1, PE3-2, PE3-3, etc.

## (d) Active Prefixes for Penelec are as follows:

PV1 - Southern Div. (Johnstown)-Telephone's Vandergrift Div. (Indiana District)

PL1 - Southern Div. (Johnstown)-Telephone's Somerset Div. (Som.Dist.)

PJ1 - Southern Div. (Johnstown)-Telephone's Johnstown Div.

PE3 - Northwestern Div. (Erie) -Telephone's Erie Div.

POS - Northerntier Div. (Oil City) -Telephone's Oil City Civ.

PJ7 - Eastern Div. (Altoona) -Telephone's Johnstown Div.

PS6 - Northerntier Div. (Sayre) -Telephone's Sayre Div.

#### 4. No. of poles on One Field Note

Not more than twenty (20) poles shall be included on one Field Note. There shall be <u>no</u> delineation as to area, civil division or telephone exchange. However, separate field notes will be required if more than one Penelec District is involved.

#### 5. Submission of Field Note to Accounting

The source data will not be submitted until physical work is done in the field. Systematic notification will be established on a local level between the respective construction and engineering groups.

- B. "Notice of Abandonment of Joint Poles and Transfer of Ownership" Form Exhibit "B"
  - 1. In view of the possible time required by Licensee to complete studies to determine whether cwnership will be accepted or whether it will likewise be abandoned, and since a period of time is required by Owner to complete abandonment, the Owner's intention will be conveyed promptly to the Licensee.
  - 2. Upon physical removal of all of its attachments, Owner will prepare "Notice of Abandonment of Joint Poles and Transfer of Ownership" form (Exhibit B) and forward it to Licensee, who will execute same and return it to Owner within the time limit thirty (30 days) specified in Article XVI (b) of the Agreement. The effective date will be thirty (30) calendar days or less after Owner executed form.
  - 3. Six (b) copies of this form will be prepared by (wher. Two (2) will be signed by the authorized agent and the signatures will be conformed on the remaining copies. The two (2) conformed copies will be forwarded to Licensee who will affix signature of proper authorized agent to the two (2) signed copies and return the original copy to Owner. See Exhibit B-1.
  - 4. All "Notice of Abandonment of Joint Poles and Transfer of Owner-ship" Forms shall be identified by the same numbers assigned to Field Notes.

# C. Procedure of Reporting Attachments

- 1. All poles of either party to which the other party has attachments of any kind or has space reserved must report such attachment(s). See Exhibit C.
- 2. After construction has been completed, a card must be prepared and promptly submitted by the Licensee to the Owner. It is agreed that under normal conditions the time required to prepare and submit the card shall not exceed one (1) month. This card must be prepared, revised or removed by the originator's Accounting Department as shown on Exhibit C and prepared by that Companies Division or District Office.

#### (a) Coding of Fields

# (1) Penelec District Code

(1-a) Each Penelec District has been assigned a numerical code to identify the district in which the joint pole is located. The following is a list of Penelec Districts and Code Number:

	<u>C∞de</u>		Code
Johnstown	11	Meadville	33
Somerset	12	Oil City	51
Indiana	13	Sayre	62
Erie	31	Ebensburg	72
Corry	32		_

See Exhibit C-i

#### (2) P.E. Co. Pole Number

(2-a) This is the Penelec number of the pole jointly used. This card field <u>must</u> have a pole number or the IBM card will be useless.

NOTE: All card fields must be right justified, in other words, the last punch in each field will be in the right most column.

#### (3) Telephone Co. Exchange

(3-a) The Telephone Company District shall indicate the exchange area in which the jointly used pole is located. The following is a list of Telephone Company Exchanges and Code Number:

Vandergrift Div	<u>vision</u>	Sayre Division		
	Code	·	Code	
Vandergrift	600	Sayre	700	
Avonmore	616	-		
Saltsburg	656			

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Erie Divisio	n	Johnstown Divisio	<u>n</u>
	_ Code		Code
Erie	100	Johnstown	300
Cambridge Springs	121	Eeaverdale	312
Corry	131	Central City	322
Edinboro	141	Holsopple -	342
Fairview	146	Davidsville	
Girard	151	Hooversville	352
McKean	156	Nanty-Glo	362
North East	161	Seward	365
Phillipsville	150	South Fork	372
Riceville	171	Vintondale	382
Union City	181	Windber	392
Waterford	191		
Oil City Divi	sion	Somerset Division	
<del></del>	<u>C∞de</u>		Code
Oil City	500	Somerset	800
Clintonville	513	Berlin	805
Cooperstown	523	Boswell	815
Franklin	533	Confluence	825
Grand Valley	543	Meyersdale	8 <del>4</del> 5
New Bedford	547	Rockwood	865
New Wilmington	5 <b>5</b> 7	Salisbury	875
Pleasantville	563	Stoystown	885
Princeton Tel. Co.	576	Wellersburg	895
Titusville	583		
Wesley	593		

See Exhibit C-3.

## (4) Telephone Co. Pole Number

(4-a) This is the Telephone Company's number of the jointly used pole. As in the case of Penelec, also for Telephone, the card is useless unless the Telephone pole number is punched in this card field. (See Exhibit C-4)

Should the Telephone Company pole number end with a fraction, the following codes will be used:

Fraction	<u>Cod e</u>	
1/4	3	
1/2	5	
3/4	7	

#### (5) Tax District

(5-a) This field will be coded with the proper tax district code as provided by Penelec Property Records Department and under separate cover. No more than one code can be assigned to one pole. See Exhibit C-5.

#### (6) (wher - Status

(6-a) The following codes will be used to designate the ownership and status of each pole jointly used:

Code	Owner	<u>Status</u>
1	Penelec	New Attachment
2	Penelec	Replaced Pole
3	<b>Penelec</b>	Remove Attachment
4	Penelec	Non-Rental
5	Telephone	New Attachment
Ő	Telephone	Replaced Pole
7	Telephone	Remove Attachment
8	Telephone	Non-Rental
χ	Both	Record Correction
	• •	with "X" when making correction).
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See (b-b) below.

(b-b) In the event an error is made in the information punched into a card with billing on it, a removal card must be made up (less the billing shown on original)

and a new card with the correct information and billing must be prepared. In order that a Company will not be billed twice for the same pole, an "X" (J-R) punch will precede the proper owner-status code as described above. See Exhibit C-6. Corrections to billing must be done by letter (see Paragragh C-11-2)

#### (7) Size

(7-a) This field will show the actual size of the pole jointly used. See Exhibit C-7.

#### (8) Year

(8-a) This field will contain the year in which the attachment is made. Under both the 1949 and 1958 Agreements the rental effective dates run from January 1 to December 31 inclusive. See Exhibit C-8.

#### (9) Telephone Company

(9-a) Use this field to identify the Telephone Company. General Telephone Co. of Pa. 1958 Agreement, use Code 8. General Telephone Co. of Pa. 1949 Agreement, use Code 9. See Exhibit C-9.

#### (10) Requirements

(10-a) Use this field only in the event there is billing between Companies. The following Codes and Descriptions are self-explanatory:

<u>Çode</u>	Billing to	<u>Description</u>
0	Owner	Remaining Life
1	Licensee	Additional Height
2	Licensee	Remaining Life
3	Licensee	Additional Class
4	Licensee	Additional Height & Kemaining Life
5	Licensee	Additional Height & Additional Class
6	Licensee	Remaining Life & Additional Class
7	Licensee	Add. Height, Add. Class & Rem. Life
8	Licensee	Additional Anchor
9	I.icensee	Other Costs

#### (11) Billing Information

- (11-1) Place total on appropriate line. See Pages 17 & 18.
- (11-2) All joint use billing will be done by single entries (do not combine poles) and will be accomplished on the porta punch cards or field note format except for the following and these billing exceptions will be authorized by letter.
  - (a) Errors in billing computation shall be called to the attention of the respective Accounting Department and a letter will be issued by the Accounting Department requesting an adjustment.
  - (b) When poles are eliminated for one companies benefit and non-betterment charges are applicable, a letter of authorization for billing will be issued between local engineering offices.
  - (c) When billing is processed and it is discovered that work has not been done or when work is done but Licensee discovers these poles are no longer required, credit for these items will be authorized between Accounting Departments.

#### 111. PRICE SCHEDULES

For the purpose of simplification, the following price schedules have been agreed upon for use in connection with operations under the Agreement. They are based on the average experience of both parties under the conditions existing in the territory covered by the Agreement, and may be revised at any time by mutual consent of the parties.

#### A. Price Schedules - Effective June 1, 1904

1. Schedules of	Prices All Kinds	of Poles - 1000
	G.T. Co. Costs	P.E. Co. Costs
20 ft.	\$ 31.00	\$
25 ft.	53.00	110.GO
30 ft.	71.00	119.00
35 ft.	102.00	126.00
40 ft.	118.00	153.00
45 ft.	160.00	202.00
50 ft.	210.00	230.00
55 ft.	237.00	272.00
Anchor	50.00	60.00

# b. Cost of Poles with Excess Height or Class

- 1. Additional height of poles over the normal height shall be billed by Telephone at \$6.00 per foot, regardless of kind of pole and by Penelec at \$7.50 per foot. This applies to new poles and replacement poles.
- 2. A better class of poles, over and above the normal Class 5, shall be billed at \$7.00 per class change.

#### C. Determination of Value in Place of Poles

The life span for all poles shall be thirty (30) years. For purposes of reflecting the condition of poles (as related to condition new), the Owner shall determine the remaining life by year in which pole was installed, if available, or if not, by inspection on the ground, with procedure as outlined below and in accordance with values and percentages outlined below:

1. The pole shall be inspected jointly by representatives from both Companies, in accordance with the standard procedure established for pole inspection by the Company proposing to purchase the pole. The procedure should include a) an appraisal of the effect of the defects observed, b) an appraisal of the condition of the pole in relation to a new pole, and c) an estimate of the age of the pole.

#### 2. All Kinds of Wood Poles

25 years of	r more	remaining	life -	- 1	00%
20 through	24 years	remaining	life -	-	80,
15 through	19 years	remaining	life -	-	60,
10 through					
6 th <b>ro</b> ugh	9 ye <b>ar</b> s	remaining	life -		
3 through	5 ye <b>ars</b>	remaining	life -		10/
less than	3 years	remaining	life -	-	0%

#### D. Cost of Removing Joint Poles

No billing is to be rendered to either Company for cost of removing joint poles, except when pole is replaced by Owner for Licensee's sole benefit, in which case the cost of removing the joint pole shall be determined by applying proper percentages, using Schedule for Years of Remaining Life to a base cost of \$20.00.

#### E. Salvage Value for Material Cost of Joint Poles

There shall be no salvage value allowed for chestnut poles. The salvage value of other poles removed shall be determined by applying proper percentages, using Schedule for Years of Remaining Life to the following average material costs of the old poles:

lleight	Average Material Cost			
<del></del>	G.T. Co. Costs	P.L. Co. Costs		
20 ft.	\$ 8.00	\$		
25 ft.	13.00	15.00		
30 ft.	19.00	16.00		
35 ft.	30.00	24.00		
40 ft.	39.00	33.00		
45 ft.	51.00	52.00		
50 ft.	75.00	63.00		
55 ft.	100.00	30.00		

#### F. Cost of Moving Joint Poles

Moving joint pole without replacement for benefit of Licensee only:

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If Owner moves pole, he bills Licensee \$36.00.
If Licensee moves Owner's pole, there will be no billing.

Moving joint pole for sole benefit of Owner:

The pole is moved at Owner's expense.

Moving joint pole without replacement for mutual benefit (which includes poles moved to accommodate requirements of public authority, right-of-way, etc.) is done at Owner's expense.

G. Billing When Pole is Replaced at Licensee's Request (Owner to Remove and Retain Old Pole)

In addition to costs for poles taller than normal, if any, the Licensee will be charged or credited as follows:

- 1. Charge Licensee with remaining life value of old pole.
- 2. Charge Licensee with cost of removing old pole (see instructions under "Cost of Removing Joint Poles" P. 16).
- 3. Credit Licensee with salvage value of old pole (see instructions under "Salvage Value for Material Cost of Joint Poles" P. 16).

### G.T. Co. Example

Replace 40' WRC, installed in 1954 with expired life of 10 years, with a 45' pole - Owner to remove and retain old pole:

Excess height cost 5' x \$6.00  Remaining life value of old 40' WRC \$118.00 x 80%  Cost of removing old pole \$20.00 x 80%	\$ 30.00 94.40 16.00
Less salvage value of old pole \$39.00 x 80%	\$140,40 31,20
Net Total	\$109.20

#### P.E. Co. Example

Replace a 40' WRC, installed in 1954 with expired life of 10 years, with a 50' Pole - Owner to remove and retain old pole:

Excess height cost 10' x \$7.50	\$ 75.00
Remaining life value of old 40' WRC \$153.00 x 80,	122,40
Cost of removing old pole \$20.00 x 80.	16.00
	\$213,40
Less salvage value of old pole \$33.00 x 80%	26.40
Net Total	\$187.00

- H. Billing When Pole is Replaced by Owner for Mutual Benefit of Both Companies or Due to Public Requirements, etc.
  - 1. Normal pole replaced with like pole. This is replaced by Owner at his expense.

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2. Normal pole replaced with higher pole.

Example: A 50' pole is set for mutual benefit to take the place of a 40' pole set in 1952. Owner to semove and retain old pole.

#### G.T. Co. Example

Cost = 60% of 5' x \$6.00 = \$18.00Licensee to be billed 60% of \$30.00 or \$18.00

### P.E. Co. Example

Cost = 40% of  $5' \times $7.50 = $15.00$ Licensee to be billed 40% of \$37.50 or \$15.00

## I. Billing and Procedure When Licensee Replaces Owner's Poles

#### Non-joint Used Pole

Owner requests Licensee to replace pole. Licensee bills Owner 100% actual cost.

#### Joint Used Pole

- 1. Owner requests Licensee to replace pole. Licensee bills Owner 100% actual cost.
- 2. Licensee replaces Owner's pole in emergency or by mistake. Licensee bills Owner 100%, based on Price Schedules.
- \* The representatives of the two Companies who prepared this Guide to Practice are of the opinion that this item was fully explained in the Agreement.

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#### EXPLANATION OF EXHIBIT C-3

#### LINE #1

Penelec informs GenTel it desires to replace an existing one-half (1/2) owned 35'-5 SP,C set in 1952 with a 45'-3 SP,C for their benefit. GenTel being the Licensee on the new pole will originate the card and bill Penelec one-half (1/2) the remaining life on the old unit.

#### LINE #2 & #3

GenTel requests that Penelec replace an existing 40'-5 SP,C set in 1957, now covered on the 1949 space rental, with a 45'-3 SP,C for its benefit. GenTel being the Licensee will originate the cards and bill themselves the change-out fee.

Line 2 will remove the information from the 1949 agreement and Line 3 will insert the new information in the 1959 agreement.

#### LINE #4 & #5

On some previous review, GenTel made arrangements to rent a pole and bill Penelec the remaining life. However, it was discovered that the street code was in error. In correcting this error, it is necessary to avoid double billing; therefore, an X along with the proper code (1, 2, or 4) will be entered in the owner status column.

#### LINE #6

Information recopied from Penelec (PE) Field Note. See Line 5 of Exhibit C-4 for original information.

#### LINE #7

GenTel is informing Penelec that a new pole is being added. On Accounting's copy strike out in red pencil. Penelec will prepare cards for owner status codes 5 through 8.

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#### EXPLANATION OF EXHIBIT C-4

#### LINE #1

Penelec requests that GenTel replace an existing one-half (1/2) owned 40'-5 SP,C set in 1956 with a 45'-3 SP,C for their benefit. Penelec being the Licensee will originate the new card and bill themselves for the change-out.

#### LINE #2 & #3

Penelec requests that GenTel replace an existing 40'-5 SP,C (1956) with a 50'-3. The first five (5) feet are needed for mutual ground clearance and the second five (5) feet and the classes are required for Penelecs' sole benefit.

Penelec being the Licensee will originate the cards and bill themselves the costs for change-out.

#### LINE #4 & #5

Penelec requests to replace 100% GenTel pole (35'-5 SP,C) set in 1954 now covered on 1949 agreement. GenTel concurs but we now become the Licensee and it is our obligation to issue the card.

GenTel Accounting Department only receives GenTel (GE) type Field Notes, therefore, this information will have to be recopied onto a GenTel (GE) Field Note and stricken from the Penelec (PE) Field Note in red pencil. Cross reference GenTel Field Note Number (GE3-1) on owner's copy.

# PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY CIVIL DIVISION CODE NUMBERS

# JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT #11

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NUMBERS CIVIL DIVISIONS

### CAMBRIA COUNTY

26	Adams	-Township
27	Brownstown	-Borough
28	Conemaugh	-Township
29	Croyle	-Township
30	Daisytown	-Borough
31	Dale	-Borough
51	East Conemaugh	-Borough
32	East Taylor	-Township
33	Ferndale	-Borough
34	Franklin	-Borough
35	Geistown	-Borough
36	Jackson	-Township
37	Johnstown	-City
38	Lorain	-Borough
39	Lower Yoder	-Township
40	Middle Taylor	-Township
41	Portage	-Township
43	Richland	-Township
44	South Fork	-Borough
45	Southmont	-Borough
46	Stonycreek	-Township
47	Summerhill	-Township
48	Upper Yoder	-Township
49	Westmont	-Borough
50	West Taylor	-Township

## INDIANA COUNTY

251	Armagh	-Borough
257	Buffington	-Township
265	East Wheatfield	-Township
283	West Wheatfield	-Township

#### SOMERSET COUNTY

354	Benson	-Borough
360	Conemaugh	-Township
375	Ogle	-Township
376	Paint	-Township
377	Quemahoning	-Township
380	Shade	-Township
389	Windber	-Borough

#### WESTMORELAND COUNTY

403	Fairfield	-Township
404	New Florence	-Borough
406	Seward	-Borough
405	St. Clair	-Township

# PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY CIVIL DIVISION CODE NUMBERS

#### SCHERSET DISTRICT #12

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CIVIL DIVISIONS

### SOMERSET COUNTY

351	Addison	-Borough
352	Addison	-Township
353	Allegheny	-Township
355	Berlin	-Borough
356	Black	-Township
357	Boswell	-Borough
358	Brothersvalley	-Township
359	Central City	-Borough
360	Conemaugh	-Township
361	Confluence	-Borough
362	Elk Lick	-Township
363	Garrett	-Borough
364	Greenville	-Township
365	Hooversville	-Borough
366	Jefferson	-Township
367	Jenner	-Township
368	Jennertown	-Borough
369	Lincoln	-Township
370	Lower Turkeyfoot	-Township
371	Meyersdale	-Borough
372	Middlecreek	-Township
373	Milford	-Township
374	New Centerville	-Borough
375	Ogle	-Township
376	Paint	-Township
377	Quemahoning	-Township
378	Rockwood	-Borough
379	Salisbury	-Borough
380	Shade	-Township
381	Shanksville	-Borough
382	Somerset	-Borough
383	Somerset	-Township
384	Stonycreek	-Township
385	Stoystown	-Borough
386	Summit	-Township
387	Upper Turkeyfoot	-Township
388	Ursina	-Borough

#### GARRET COUNTY, MARYLAND

- 426 Accident District
- 428 Friendsville District
- 427 Sangrun District
- 429 Selbysport

## FAYETTE COUNTY

# PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY CIVIL DIVISION CODE NUMBERS

# INDIANA DISTRICT #13

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NUMBERS CIVIL DIVISIONS

# INDIANA COUNTY

252	Armstrong	-Township
254	Blacklick	-Township
255	Blairsville	-Borough
256	Brushvalley	-Township
257	Buffington	-Township
258	Burrell	-Township
259	Canoe	-Township
260	Center	-Township
261	Cherryhill	-Township
262	Clymer	-Borough
263	Conemaugh	-Township
264	East Mahoning	-Township
265	East Wheatfield	-Township
267	Grant	-Township
268	Green	-Township
269	Homer City	-Borough
270	Indiana	-Borough
271	Jacksonville	-Borough
272	Marion Center	-Borough
275	Pine	-Township
276	Plumville	-Borough
277	Rayne	-Township
278	Shelocts	-Borough
280	South Mahoning	-Township
281	Washington	-Township
283	West Wheatfield	-Township
284	White	-Township
285	Young	-Township

#### WESTMORELAND COUNTY

401	Bolivar	-Borough
402	Derry	-Township
403	<b>Pairfield</b>	-Township

#### ARMSTRONG COUNTY

2 Cowanshannock -Township

# PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY CIVIL DIVISION CODE NUMBERS

#### ERIE DISTRICT #31

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NUMBERS CIVIL DIVISIONS

#### CRAWFORD COUNTY

9	Cassawago	-Township
23	Spring	-Township
31	Venango	-Township

ERIE COUNTY		
50	Albion	-Borough
53	Conneaut	-Township
55	Cranesville	-Borough
56	East Springfield	-Borough
57	Edinboro	-Borough
59	Elk Creek	-Township
60	Erie	-City
61	Fairview	-Borough
62	Fairvi <b>ew</b>	-Township
63	Franklin	-Township
90	Girard	-Borough
64	Girard	-Township
65	Greene	-Township
66	Greenfield	-Township
67	Harborcreek	-Township
68	Lawrence Park	-Township
70	McKean	-Township
71	Middleboro (McKean)	-Borough
72	Millcreek	-Township
74	North East	-Borough
75	North East	-Township
76	Lake City	-Borough
77	Platea	-Borough
89	Presque Isle Peninsula	
78	Springfield	-Township
79	Summit	-Township
83	Washington	-Township
84	Waterford	-Borough
85	Waterford	-Township
88	Wesleyville	-Borough

# PUBLIC VERSION PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY CIVIL DIVISION CODE NUMBERS

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CODE NUMBERS

CIVIL DIVISIONS

#### CRAWFORD COUNTY

1	Athens	-Township
3	Bloomfield	-Township
6	Centerville	-Borough
20	Rome	-Township
25	Steuben	-Township

#### ERIE COUNTY

51	Amity	-Township
52	Concord	-Township
54	Corry	-City
58	Elgin	-Borough
65	Greene	-Township
69	LeBoeuf	-Township
73	Mill Village	-Borough
80	Union	-Township
81	Union City	-Borough
82	Venango	-Township
84	Waterford	-Borough
85	Waterford	-Township
86	Wattsburg	-Borough
87	Wayne	-Township

#### WARREN COUNTY

100	Bear Lake	-Borough
101	Columbus	-Township
102	Freehold	-Township
103	Pittsfield	-Township
104	Springcreek	-Township

# PUBLIC VERSION PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY CIVIL DIVISION CODE NUMBERS

### MEADVILLE DISTRICT #32

#52

CODE NUMBERS

#### CIVIL DIVISIONS

#### CRAWFORD COUNTY

1	Athens	-Township
2	Beaver	-Township
4	Blooming Valley	-Borough
5	Cambridge Springs	-Borough
38	Cambridge	-Township
7	Conneaut	-Township
8	Conneautville	-Borough
9	Çussewago	-Township
10	East Mead	-Township
11	Greenwood	-Township
12	Hayfield	-Township
13	Linesville	-Borough
14	Meadville	-City
15	North Shenango	-Township
16	Pine	-Township
17	Rendolph	-Township
18	Richmond	-Township
19	Rockdale	-Township
21	Sadsburg	-Township
22	South Shenango	-Township
23	Spring	-Township
24	Springboro	-Borough
25	Steuben	-Township
26	Summerhill	-Township
27	Summit	-Township
28	Townville	-Borough
39	Troy	-Township
29	Union	-Township
30	Venango	-Borough
31	Venango	-Township
32	Vernon	-Township
33	Wayne	-Township
34	West Mead	-Township
35	West Shenango	-Township
36	Woodcock	-Borough
37	Woodcock	~Township
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#### ERIE COUNTY

69 LeBoeuf -Township

#### VENANGO COUNTY

150 Plum -Township

## PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY CIVIL DIVISION CODE NUMBERS

#### OIL CITY DISTRICT #51

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#### CIVIL DIVISIONS

#### BUTLER COUNTY

450	Allegheny	-Township
451	Hovey	-Township
452	Venango	-Township

#### CLARION COUNTY

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1	Ashland	-Township
2	Beaver	-Township
3	Callensburg	-Borough
18	Clarion	-Township
4	Elk	-Township
5	Farmington	-Township
6	Foxburg	-Borough
7	Highland	-Township
8	Knox	-Borough
9	Knox	-Township
10	Licking	-Township
11	Paint	-Township
12	Piney	-Township
13	Richland	-Township
14	St. Petersburg	-Borough
15	Salem	-Township
16	Shippenville	-Borough
17	Washington	-Township

#### CRAWFORD COUNTY

50	Hydetown	-Borough
51	Oil Creek	-Township
52	Titusville	-City
53	Troy	-Township

#### ELK COUNTY

475 Millstone	-Township
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#### FOREST COUNTY

202	Howe	-Township
203	Barnett	-Township
204	Green	-Township
205	Harmony	-Township
201	Hickory	-Township
206	Jenks	-Township
207	Kingsley	-Township
208	Tionesta	-Borough
209	Tionesta	-Township

# PUBLIC VERSION PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY CIVIL DIVISION CODE NUMBERS

### OIL CITY DISTRICT #51, (CONT'D.)

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#### VENANGO COUNTY

350	Allegheny	-Township
351	Canal	-Township
352	Cherrytree	-Townsh∶p
353	Clinton	-Township
354	Clintonville	-Borough
355	Cooperstown	-Borough
356	Cornplanter	-Township
357	Cranberry	-Township
358	Emlenton	-Borough
359	Franklin	-City
360	Frenchcreek	-Township
361	Irwin	-Township
362	Jackson	-Township
363	Oakland	-Township
364	Oil City	-City
365	Oilcreek	-Township
366	Pine Grove	-Township
367	Pleasantville	-Borough
368	Plum	-Township
369	Polk	-Borough
370	President	-Township
371	Richland	-Township
372	Rockland	-Township
373	Rousevill <b>e</b>	-Borough
374	Sandycreek	-Township
375	Scrubgrass	-Township
376	Sugarcreek	-Township
377	Utica	-Borough

#### WARREN COUNTY

130 Southwest -Township

# PUBLIC VERSION PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY CIVIL DIVISION CODE NUMBERS

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29	Sayre	-Borough	18
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173	Little Meadows	-Borough	1L

# PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY CIVIL DIVISION CODE NUMBERS

#### EBENSBURG DISTRICT #72

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CIVIL DIVISIONS

#### BLAIR COUNTY

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#### CAMBRIA COUNTY

76**	Allegheny	-Township
58	Barnesboro	-Borough
77	Barr	-Township
78	Blacklick	-Township
79	Cambria	-Township
<b>5</b> 9	Carrolltown	-Borough
60	Cassandra	-Borough
80 <b>*</b>	Chest	-Township
61	Chest Springs	-Borough
81*	Clearfield	-Township
62	Cresson	-Borough
82	Cresson	-Township
83	Croyle	-Township
63	Ebensburg	-Borough
85	E. Carroll	-Township
86	Elder	-Township
64	Gallitzin	-Borough
87**	<del></del>	-Township
88	Jackson	-Township
65	Hasting	-Borough
66	Lilly	-Borough
67	Loretto	-Borough
89	Munster	-Township
68	Nanty Glo	-Borough
69	Patton	-Borough
70	Portage	-Borough
90	Portage	-Township
71	Sankertown	-Borough
72	Spangler	-Borough
73	Summerhill	-Borough
91	Summerhill	-Township
92	Susquehanna	-Township
74	Tunnelhill	-Borough
190	Vintondale	-Borough
93	Washington	-Township
94	W. Carroll	-Township
75	Wilmore	-Borough

<sup>\*</sup> No Facilities

<sup>\*\*</sup> In District 71 also

# Exhibit 10

GENERAL AGREEMENT

FOR THE

JOINT USE OF POLES

BETWEEN

PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY

AND

QUAKER STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY

(EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1988 )

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This Agreement made this 1st day of January 1988 between Quaker State Telephone Company a public utility corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania corporation having its principal office in the Township of Derry, County of Dauphin, PA, hereinafter called Quaker State, and Pennsylvania Electric Company, a public utility corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, hereinafter called Penelec, a Pennsylvania Corporation having its principal office in the City of Johnstown, County of Cambria, Pa.

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Penelec and Quaker State desire to cooperate in keeping pole plant at a minimum in the territory covered by this Agreement and to provide for the joint use of their respective poles when and where joint use shall be of mutual advantage in meeting their service requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereto, for themselves, their successors and assigns, do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

### PUBLICHERSION

#### SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

- A. This Agreement shall be in effect in all of the territory of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in which both parties to this agreement now or may hereafter operate in common, and shall cover all poles of each party in the territory, when said poles are brought hereunder in accordance with the procedures hereinafter provided.
- B. Each party reserves the right to exclude from joint use (1) poles which, in Owner's judgment, are necessary for its own sole use; (2) poles which carry, or are intended to carry, circuits of such character that in the Owner's judgment the proper rendering of its service now or in the future makes joint use of such poles undesirable; and (3) poles where, in the Owner's judgment, joint use would not prove economical.

#### ARTICLE II

#### DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Agreement, the following terms shall mean:

ATTACHMENTS means all wires, cables, appliances, apparatus, fixtures and appurtenances of every description now or hereafter used on poles of either party in its business.

JOINT USE POLE means a pole which under this Agreement is occupied by attachments of both parties at the time of execution of this Agreement or thereafter and includes steel I-Beam stub poles.

LICENSEE means the party to whom the right of joint use of any pole has been granted by the Owner.

NORMAL SPACE is the following described space on a joint use pole for the use of each party, respectively, except that attachments of one party may be located in the space normally set aside for the other party so long as such attachments are made in accordance with Article III - Specifications:

1. A space of nineteen (19) feet above the ground line shall be for the common use of both parties. The next three (3) feet shall be designated telephone space, above which shall be the standard separation space as established by the National Electrical Safety Code in effect at the time the pole became a joint use pole between communication facilities and power facilities. The remaining space to the top of the pole shall be designated power space.

OWNER means the party having title to and full ownership of any pole.

ISOLATED SERVICE NEUTRAL is a customer service neutral (electrical) which is not interconnected with the common neutral (electrical) of the primary distribution circuit.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Each of the parties hereto shall construct and maintain its jointly used poles and its attachments on all jointly used poles in accordance with the applicable edition of the National Electrical Safety Code, except where the lawful requirements of public authorities may be more stringent, in which case the latter will govern.

Any existing joint use construction of the parties completed prior to this agreement, which does not conform to these requirements shall be brought into conformity therewith as soon as practicable.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

- A. An Administrative Committee shall be established consisting of four members, two from each company. It shall be the responsibility of the Administrative Committee to interpret the Agreement, arbitrate questions, and to resolve problems arising from the operation of the Agreement. The Administrative Committee shall also be responsible for:
  - 1. Establishing such applications and permitting forms and procedures required in the licensing and recording of joint pole usage.
  - 2. Recalculation of pole compensation rates as prescribed in Article XVI.
  - 3. Publication and maintenance of any interpretations, practices, and administrative procedures necessary to implement the administration of the Agreement, consistent with the terms hereof.
  - 4. Establishing a schedule of rates for billing purposes.
- B. The Administrative Committee will meet as often as required but must meet at least once annually. The Chairmanship of the Committee shall be rotated between the companies on a yearly basis.

### PUBLICATERSION

#### ESTABLISHING JOINT USE OF NEW POLES

- A. Whenever either party requires new pole facilities, either as an additional pole, a new pole line, or an extension of any existing pole line, where neither party has existing pole facilities, it shall promptly notify the other party's local representative, in writing, in order to determine the desirability of joint use. The other party shall promptly respond. Both parties shall make a good faith effort to give advance oral notification.
- B. If joint use is agreed upon, the parties shall cooperate in designing the proposed construction to meet the needs of both parties. Ownership of new pole structures will be determined by mutual agreement. The party which is to become Licensee will submit to Owner an application for joint use in such form and manner as may be agreed upon and established by the Administrative Committee. An authorized representative shall signify his authorization of the proposed joint use by promptly signing and returning the application as soon as the new pole structure is in place, the signed document thereby constituting a license for joint use.
- C. If joint use cannot be agreed upon, the parties shall cooperate to determine the most practical and economical method of effectively providing separate lines.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### ESTABLISHING JOINT USE OF EXISTING POLES

- A. Whenever either party desires to make an initial attachment to or reserve space on any pole owned by the other party, it shall make written application in such form and manner as may be agreed upon and established by the Administrative Committee. The Owner shall signify his authorization of the proposed joint use by promptly signing and returning the application, it thereby constituting a license for joint use. Either party has permission to attach to the other party's poles, without prior notification except those excluded from joint use as determined by the company representatives and only if the pole is of sufficient height, strength, and proper clearances to accommodate joint use provided, however, that written application for joint use shall be made to the Owner within ten (10) working days thereafter.
- B. If the pole is available for joint use but requires rearrangement of the Owner's facilities, the Owner will cooperate to make such rearrangements as may be necessary to allow the existing pole to be brought into joint use. Where the pole is inadequate and such rearrangement is not reasonable, the pole shall be replaced. Each party shall be responsible for placing, transferring and rearranging its own facilities.
- C. The parties hereto recognize that projects by either party which require large numbers of pole replacements could significantly affect the financial and manpower capacities of the other party. Each, therefore, agrees to give maximum notice of any such plans so as to provide sufficient interval for preparations. Neither party, as Owner, is obligated by the Agreement to replace poles for Licensee in such numbers as would be, in Owner's judgment, prejudicial to Owner.
- D. A disagreement which cannot be resolved by the supervisors of each party shall be referred to the Administrative Committee.

#### JOINT USE - ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. A cooperative effort shall be made by both parties to fully utilize an existing joint use pole by adjusting facilities before a pole replacement is made. Whenever a joint pole replacement is required, the location of the new pole shall be mutually acceptable.
- B. When a joint use pole must be replaced due to requirements of Owner, Owner shall notify Licensee, in writing, of the pending replacement. Licensee shall promptly respond, in writing, stating whether or not any special considerations are desired. Both parties shall make a good faith effort to give advance oral notification.
- C. When a joint use pole must be replaced due to requirements of Licensee, Licensee shall request Owner, in writing, to replace such pole. If Owner cannot make such replacement, then Licensee may, with Owner's permission, make the replacement and Owner will transfer its facilities. Owner will retain ownership unless otherwise mutually agreed to and Licensee will be reimbursed by Owner in accordance with a schedule of rates established by the Administrative Committee. The replacement of large numbers of poles shall be as stated in Article VI.
- D. If any joint use pole requires relocation or replacement for reasons for which neither party is solely responsible except under emergency vehicular related accidents, including requirements of public authority, Owner shall at its own cost make such relocation or replacement and each party shall be responsible for the transfer of its facilities. Removal of the old pole shall be in accordance with Paragraph F, below.
- E. If either party requires an additional joint use pole to be installed in an existing line, the placing and ownership of the pole shall be determined by mutual agreement.
- F. Each party will assume its own transfer charges except under emergency vehicular related accidents. However, the parties recognize the need for cooperation in locating replacement poles so that both parties' facilities are adequately provided for and transfer costs minimized. The last party to transfer from the old pole will remove and dispose of the old pole unless otherwise instructed by Owner. Responsibility for third party attachments shall be as specified in Article XIII.
- G. When a pole is replaced, the replacing party shall notify the other party when the replacement is completed.
- H. When mutually agreeable, additional pole height may be provided by a pole top extension in order to defer a pole replacement. Penelec will supply and install pole top extensions at the expense of the party requiring the additional joint use pole height. Each party shall make such rearrangement of its facilities as may be required, at its own cost and expense, in order to permit the use of a pole top extension.

## PUBLIC VERSION ARTICLE VIII

#### **MAINTENANCE**

- A. Owner shall, at its sole expense, maintain its joint use poles in a safe and serviceable condition and in accordance with the specifications of Article III.
- B. When replacing a jointly used pole carrying terminals of aerial cable, underground connections, or transformer equipment, the new pole shall be set as near as practicable to the hole which the replaced pole occupied unless special conditions make it necessary or mutually desirable to set it in a different location.
- C. Owner shall give Licensee written notice of all pending joint use pole replacements and Licensee shall reply within ten (10) working days whether or not any special considerations are desired. Emergency replacements by owner which do not permit sufficient interval for written notification are excepted.
- D. Each party will assume its own transfer charges except under emergency vehicular related accidents. However, the parties recognize the need for cooperation in locating replacement poles so that both parties' facilities are adequately provided for and transfer costs minimized. The last party to transfer from the replaced pole will remove and dispose of the replaced pole unless otherwise instructed by Owner. Responsibility for third party attachments shall be as specified in Article XIII.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### RIGHT OF WAY

No guarantee is given by Owner for permission from property owners, municipalities or any other party for the use of its poles by Licensee. Licensee shall, at its own expense, secure all necessary rights of permissions from the owners of property and public authorities involved for use of Owner's poles by Licensee. The parties may, if mutually agreeable, elect to secure joint rights of way or permissions.

#### ARTICLE X

#### GUYING

- A. Each party shall place, at its own expense, guy wires required for the support of its own wires and appliances on joint use poles.
- B. In connection with the erection of poles for joint use either as an additional line, line extension or reconstruction of an existing line, Owner shall place, at its own expense, multi-eye anchors of sufficient strength for mutual use at common guying points.
- C. Authorized company representatives will determine required strength of joint use anchors.
- D. Anchors required solely for the purposes of one of the parties shall be placed by and at the expense of that party.

#### TRIMMING AND CLEARING

Each of the parties shall be responsible for the initial and/or maintenance trimming or cutting of trees as may be necessary to clear its own wires and attachments on jointly used poles provided, however, that the parties may agree, in cases mutually advantageous, that one of the parties will arrange for trimming to clear the wires and appliances of both parties, the cost thereof to be shared upon such basis as has been agreed upon prior to the start of work.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### BONDING & GROUNDING

- A. In connection with the joint use of poles hereunder, inductive and protective coordination measures make desirable the interconnection of Quaker State's cable plant and/or protective equipment with Penelec's system neutral. In no case shall interconnection be made to a ground wire that is not connected to a system neutral, such as a lightning arrester, or any other ground where the connection to the system neutral is not clearly visible. Caution shall be exercised by both parties to prevent nullification of an isolated service neutral (electrical) at a customer location.
- B. At a pole where there is an existing vertical ground wire connected to Penelec's system neutral, Quaker State may place bond wire connecting its cable strand and/or guy to the vertical wire at telephone grade location.
- C. At a pole where there is not an existing ground wire connected to Penelec's system neutral, Quaker State may place a coiled length of bond wire connected to its cable strand and/or guy and request Penelec to connect bond wire to the system neutral.
- D. Bonding as may be required between a Quaker State guy and a Penelec guy not attached to the same anchor rod may be placed and connected by either party.

### PUBLIC VERSION ARTICLE XIII

#### THIRD PARTY ATTACHMENTS

- A. Each party shall be solely responsible for facilities owned by its respective customers which are attached to jointly used poles. Such customer-owned attachments shall be limited, as to any pole, to such number as will not interfere with the use of the pole by both Owner and Licensee. Customer owned facilities are those which are owned by the customer and used solely for the purpose of providing service to the customer residence or building. It is understood and agreed that the general license granted hereunder is intended to include such customer-owned facilities.
- B. Each party consents to the attachment of a third party when attachments of the third party are made in accordance with the National Electrical Safety Code and the specific requirements of both Owner and Licensee.
- C. All contracts covering the attachment to joint use poles by third parties, other than customers of the Licensee, shall be made by the company controlling the space in which the third party attachment is made.
- D. The attachments by third parties are, for the purpose of this Agreement, considered to be the responsibility of the company controlling the space in which the third party attachment is made.

#### ARTICLE XIV

#### SERVICE REQUIREMENTS & EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

- A. In the event Owner of existing joint use poles or the party to become Owner of new joint use poles does not install, replace or relocate such poles in time to meet the service requirements of Licensee, Licensee may request permission from Owner to proceed with such work as is necessary to meet Licensee's service requirements and, if granted, complete such work and bill Owner according to the schedule of rates established by the Administrative Committee.
- B. In the event of emergency situations, Licensee may, upon notice to Owner, install, replace or relocate such poles as may be necessary to alleviate said emergency conditions. Upon completion of such work, Owner shall reimburse Licensee in accordance with the schedule of pole rates referred to in paragraph A, provided the ownership of the pole does not change.

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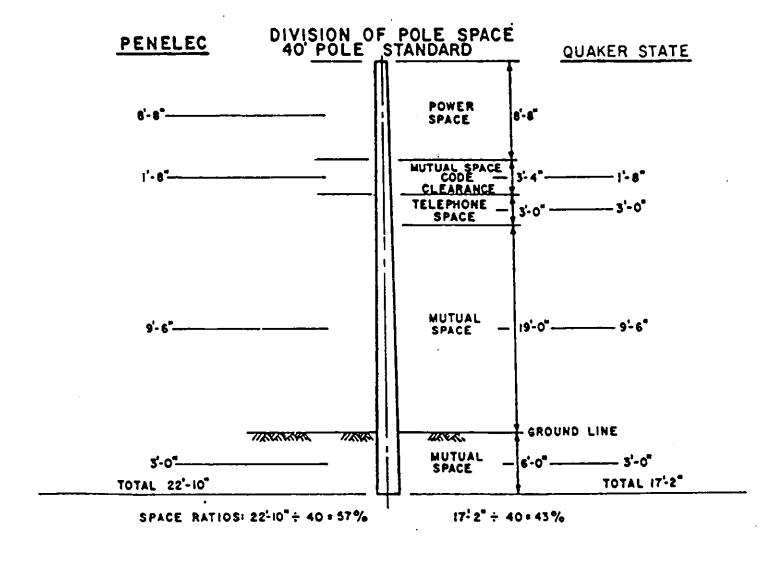
#### CHANGES IN OR REMOVAL OF WIRES AND ATTACHMENTS

- A. Whenever either party desires to change the character of its circuits on any joint use poles and such change might affect the inductive nature of the facility, or which will result in increased or decreased clearance separations as provided in Article III, that party shall notify the other party in writing of such contemplated change and the joint use of such poles shall continue with such changes in construction as may be required to meet the terms of Article III. Should the parties fail to agree upon conditions which would permit continued joint use, they shall then cooperate to determine the most practical and economical method of effectively providing for separate lines and the equitable apportionment of the net expense involved. In the event that the parties cannot agree as to the method of effectively providing for separate lines, Licensee shall remove its attachments from the jointly used poles at its expense.
- B. Licensee may, at any time, remove all of its wires and appliances from any of Owner's poles. Any liabilities, fees or charges incurred under this agreement prior to the removal shall not be terminated or affected thereby.
- C. Owner may, at any time, abandon the use of any licensed joint use pole. If Owner is not obligated to remove such pole, Owner shall give Licensee thirty (30) days notice in writing to remove its attachments or purchase such pole for an equitable sum as may be agreed upon by parties. If Licensee elects to purchase said pole, Owner shall deliver to Licensee an appropriate instrument transferring title thereto. If Owner is obligated to remove such pole upon abandonment by it or if Licensee elects not to purchase, Licensee shall remove its facilities.
- D. Upon such transfer of ownership, the party to whom the ownership of poles is transferred shall thereafter defend and save harmless the party from whom the ownership is transferred from all detriment, damage, losses, liability, claims, demands, suits, costs and expenses of every kind and description, by reason of or in any way resulting from the presence, maintenance, operation or removal of said transferred poles or the wires and appliances thereon, or by reason of the acts or negligence of the agents or employees of the party to whom the ownership is transferred in maintaining, operating or removing said transferred poles and the wires and appliances thereon, or their acts or negligence while engage in such work provided, however, that any liability incurred prior to the transfer of ownership shall not be terminated or affected thereby.

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#### COMPENSATION

- A. Compensation shall be paid to Owner by Licensee for each of Owner's poles to which Licensee is attached. Push braces are considered to be guys.
- B. The amount of compensation will be based upon the annual carrying cost applicable to distribution poles of both parties and the relative usage by each party of an average joint use pole expressed as a percentage. For the purpose of calculating compensation, an average joint use pole is established as being a forty foot (40') wood pole with 43% of such pole being utilized by Quaker State and 57% of such pole being utilized by Penelec. Thus, Quaker State will annually pay to Penelec an amount equal to 43% of the Penelec annual carrying cost for each pole owned by Penelec to which it is attached. Penelec will annually pay to Quaker State an amount equal to 57% of the Quaker State annual carrying cost for each pole owned by Quaker State to which it is attached. Pole space utilization has been determined by the following drawing and associated computation:



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- C. On or before the first day of February of each year, the Administrative Committee will calculate the pole compensation fees for that year as follows:
  - Each Company will calculate its average Annual Carrying Cost (ACC) for distribution poles.
  - 2. Calculating of the compensation fees:

 $C_T = ACC \times .57$ 

 $C_D = ACC \times .43$ 

Where:

- C<sub>T</sub> = Compensation for Quaker State owned poles to which Penelec is attached.
- C<sub>p</sub> = Compensation for Penelec owned poles to which Quaker State is attached.
- D. Payments of all compensation under this Agreement shall be due and payable as of March 31 of each year during the continuance of this Agreement, and will be based on the number of poles jointly used as of the last day of the preceding December. The party having the net credit balance shall render a bill therefore to the other party.
- E. The change from the rental billing method to the compensation billing method will be phased in over a three-year time frame. In the first year of the Agreement, 1/3 of the annual compensation rate (annual wood distribution pole carrying costs) for both companies shall be used to determine the annual compensation billing. See Page No. 1 of the Guide to Practice for examples.

In the second year of the Agreement, 2/3 of the annual compensation rate for both companies shall be used to determine the annual compensation billing.

In the third year of the Agreement, full compensation shall be used to determine the annual compensation billing.

Full compensation shall be used to determine the annual compensation billing in succeeding years.

#### ARTICLE XVII

#### PAYMENT OF TAXES

Owner shall pay all taxes and fees legally levied on joint use poles except where authorites levy taxes or fees legally on each party in which case each shall be responsible for payment as stipulated by law.

## PUBLIC VERSION ARTICLE XVIII

#### ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

Neither party shall assign or otherwise dispose of this Agreement or its rights or interests hereunder or in any of the poles or attachments covered by this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent or limit the right of either party, nor shall such written consent be required, to make a lease or transfer any or all its property, rights, privileges and franchises to another corporation organized for the purpose of conducting a business of the same general character as that of the lessor or transferor, or to enter into any lawful merger or consolidation, or to make a general mortgage of all its property, rights, merger, consolidation or mortgage, the rights and obligations acquired under this Agreement shall pass to the lessee, assignee, merging or consolidating company or trustee under such mortgage. All liabilities hereunder shall bind and all rights acquired hereunder shall inure to the successors and assigns of the parties to the extent in this Article provided.

#### ARTICLE XIX

#### WAIVER OF TERMS OR CONDITIONS

The failure of either party to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement shall not constitute a general waiver or relinquishment of any other such terms or conditions, but the same shall be and remain at all times in full force and effect.

#### ARTICLE XX

#### **DEFAULTS**

- A. If Licensee shall be in default in any of its obligations stipulated herein, and such default continues for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to written notice given by Owner, Owner may, if it so elects, permanently terminate Licensee's right to attach to poles with respect to which such default exists, in which event Licensee shall promptly remove its attachments from such poles at its expense and upon the failure of Licensee to so remove its attachments Owner may remove such attachments and Licensee shall pay Owner the cost of such removal. Such termination shall not be construed as a waiver of the right to enforce any liabilities for costs incurred or to be incurred for the collection of any sums theretofore or thereafter due.
- B. If Owner shall be in default in any obligations stiuplated herein, and such default continues for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to written notice thereof given by Licensee, Owner hereby agrees to pay in connection with such default, all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by Licensee as a result of such default in assuring the safety and adequacy of its service.

#### TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall become effective on January 1, 1988 and, subject to the conditions of Article XX, DEFAULTS, herein, this Agreement may be terminated, so far as concerns further granting of joint use, by either party hereto at the expiration of five (5) years from the effective date hereof upon one (1) year's notice in writing to the other party of an intention so to terminate it; provided, that if not so terminated, it shall continue thereafter until terminated by either party at any time upon one (1) year's notice in writing to the other party as aforesaid: and provided further that notwithstanding such termination, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all poles jointly used by the parties hereto at the time of such terminations and to any replacement of such poles.

#### ARTICLE XXII

#### CANCELLATION OF PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS

The Agreement dated January 1, 1958 between Pennsylvania Electric Company and Lycoming Telephone Company, and the Agreement dated January 1, 1963 between Pennsylvania Electric Company and Big Eddy Telephone Company and any other such agreement or supplement, between the parties or their predecessors for the joint use of poles within the territory covered by this Agreement are considered to be terminated individually according to the terms of each agreement involved and after the effective date of this Agreement shall be, and the same hereby are null, void, and of no further force and effect and all existing joint use poles are hereby brought under and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement provided, however, that any liability that had been incurred under such existing agreements prior to the date of termination shall be established as provided in that Agreement, except that ownership shall be determined as of the date such liability was incurred.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{PUBLIC VERSION} \\ \text{In witness whereof, the parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed the} \\ \text{day and year first above written.} \end{array}$ 

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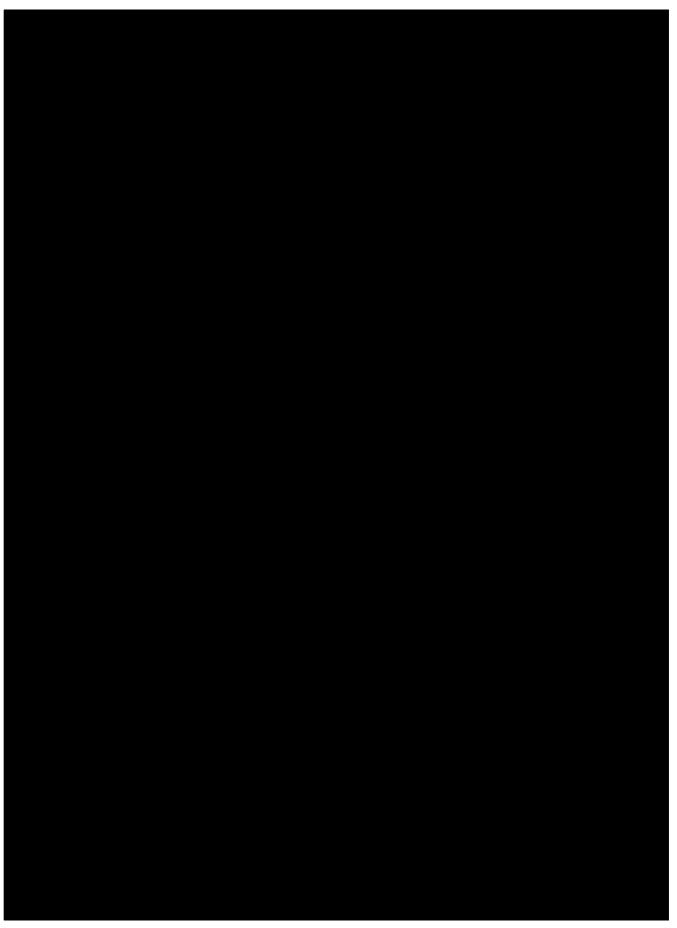
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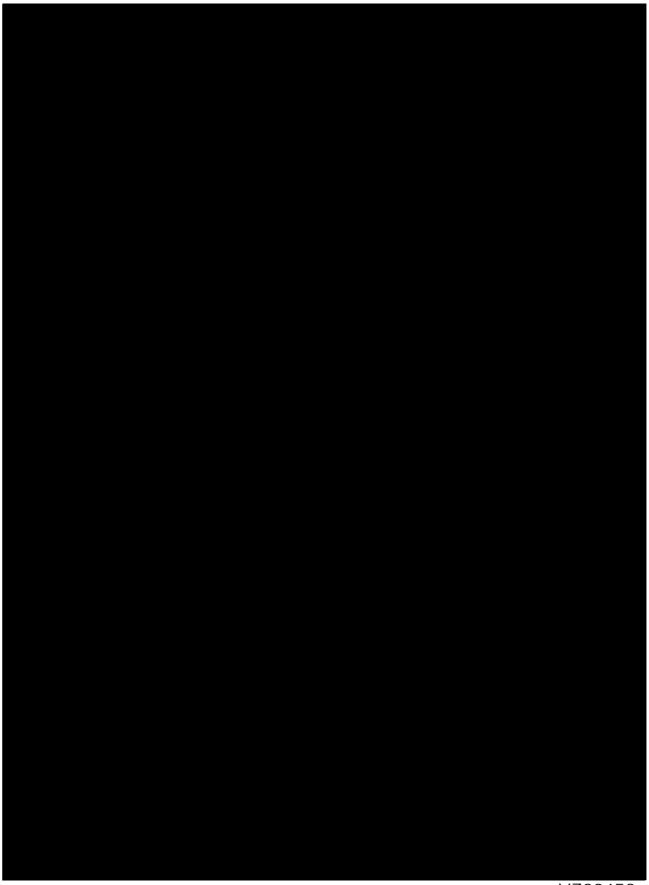
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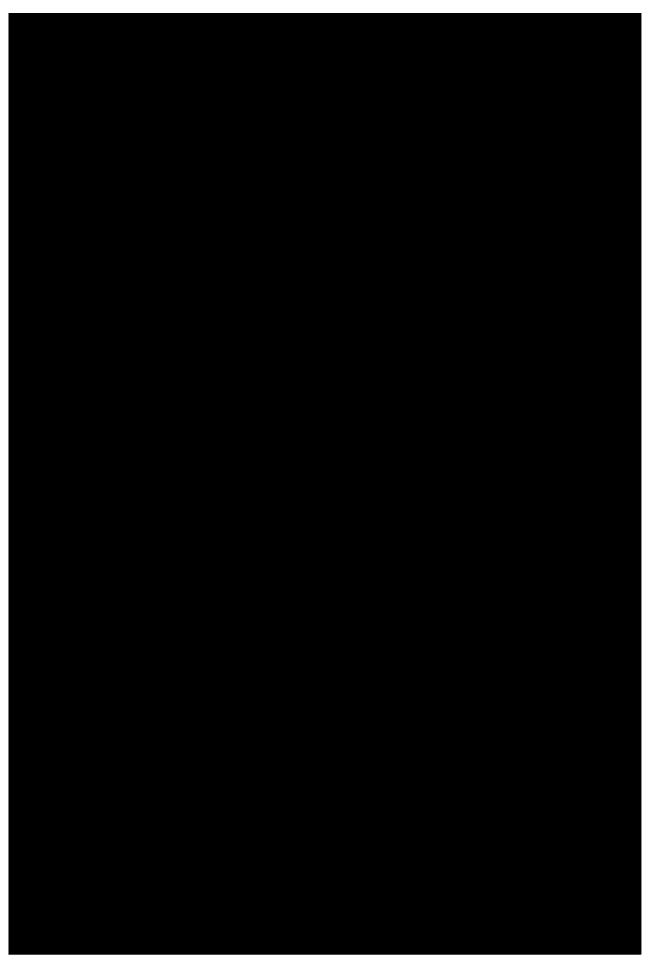
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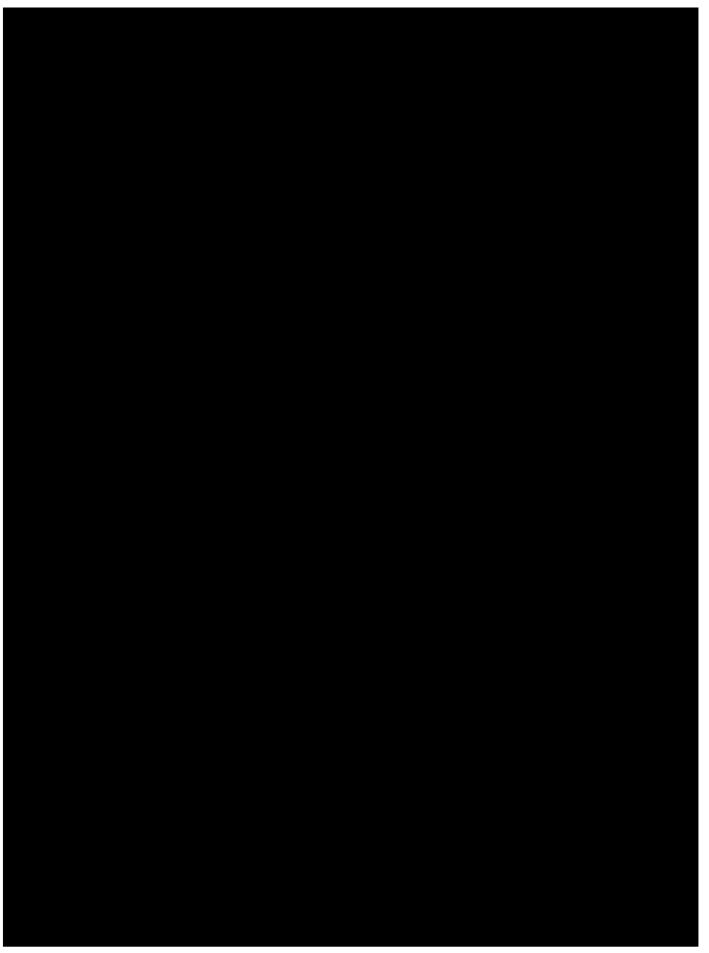
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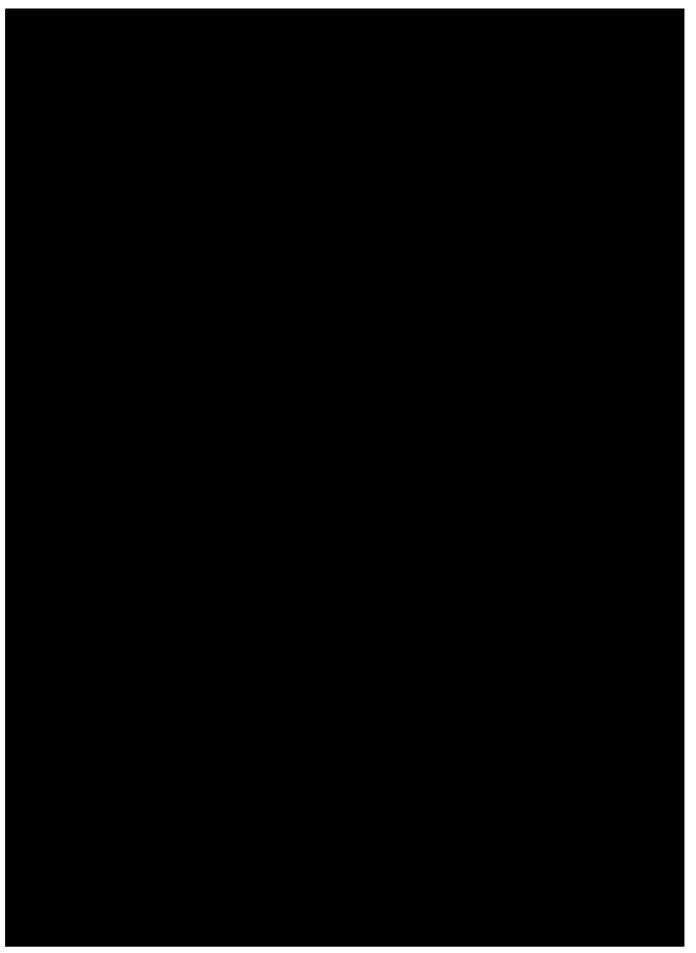




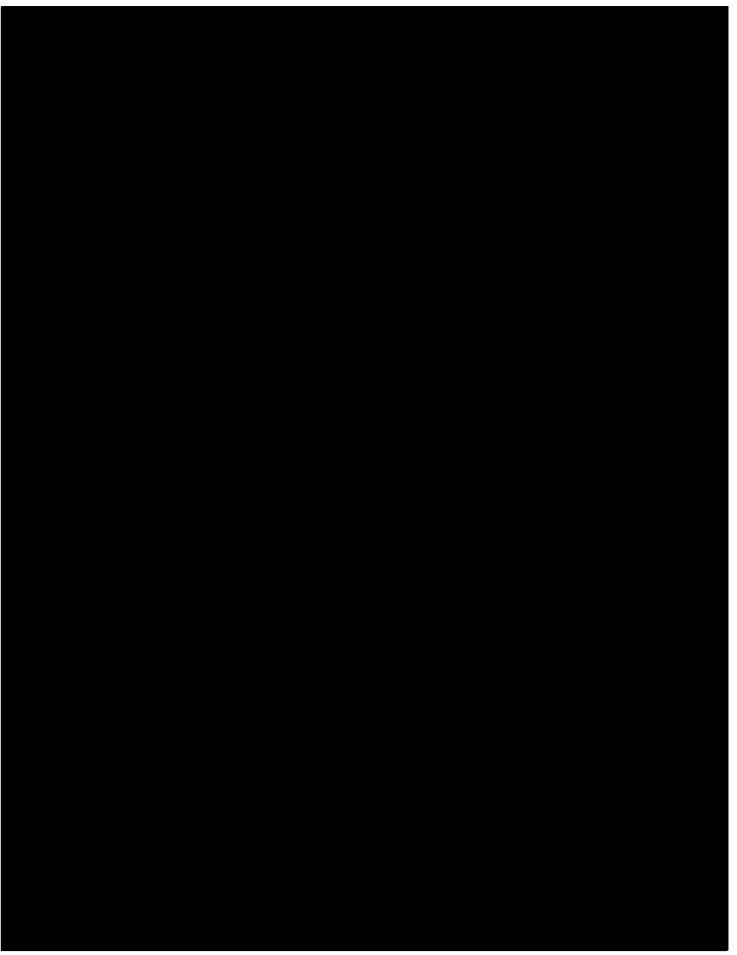




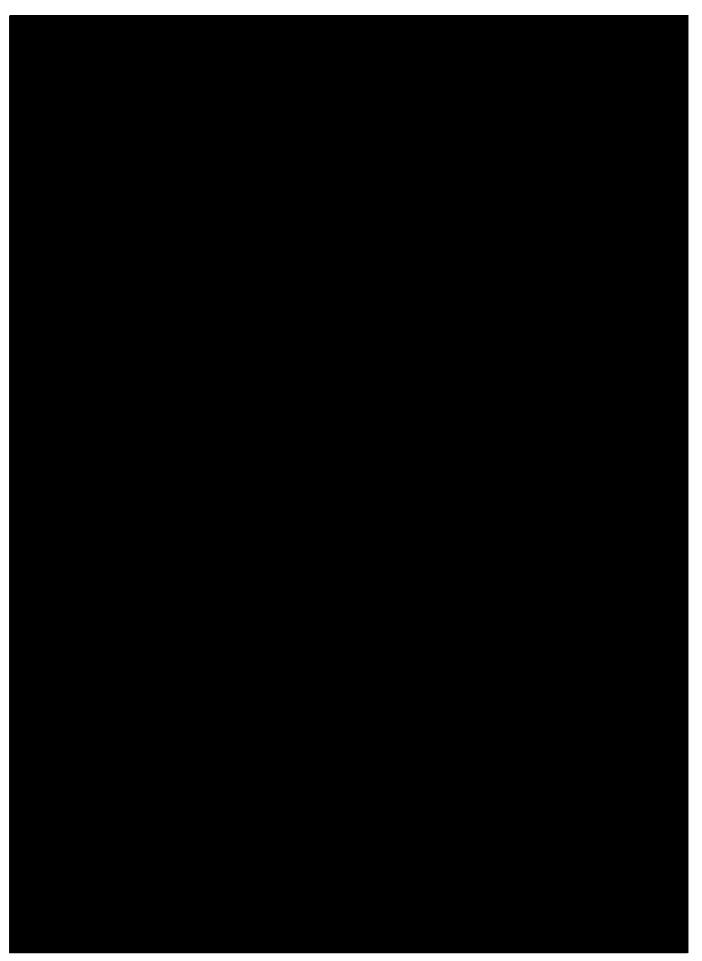
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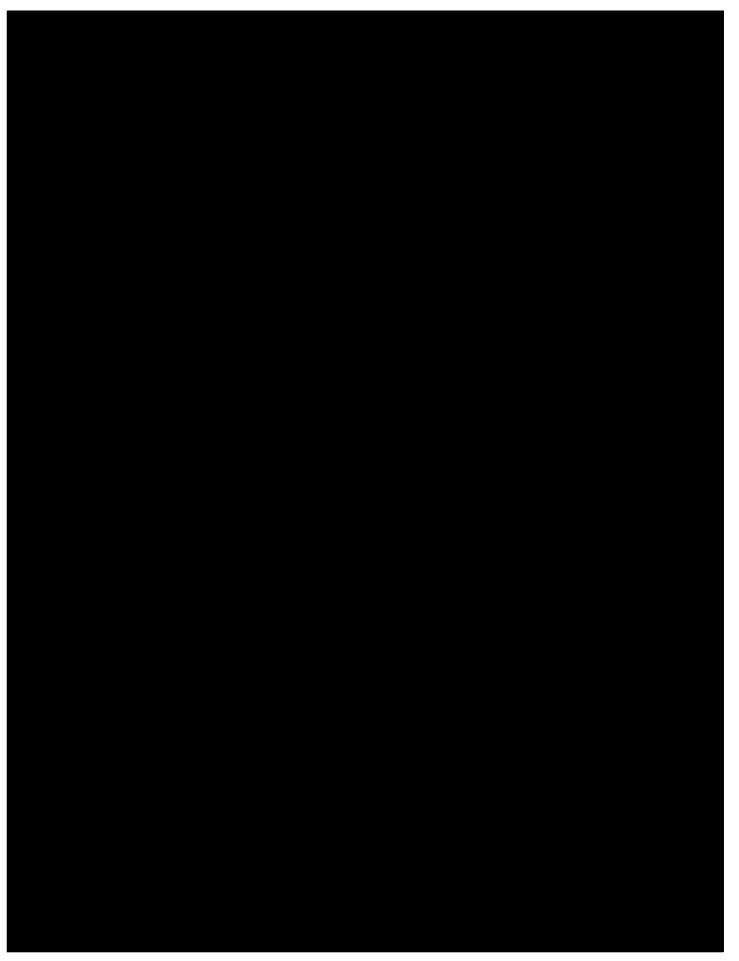


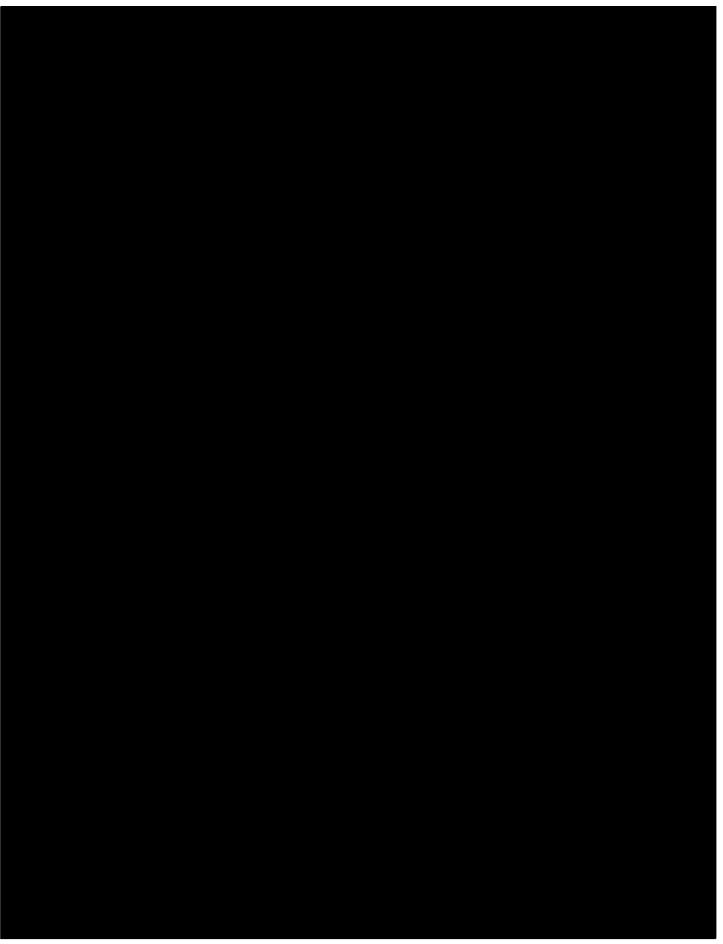


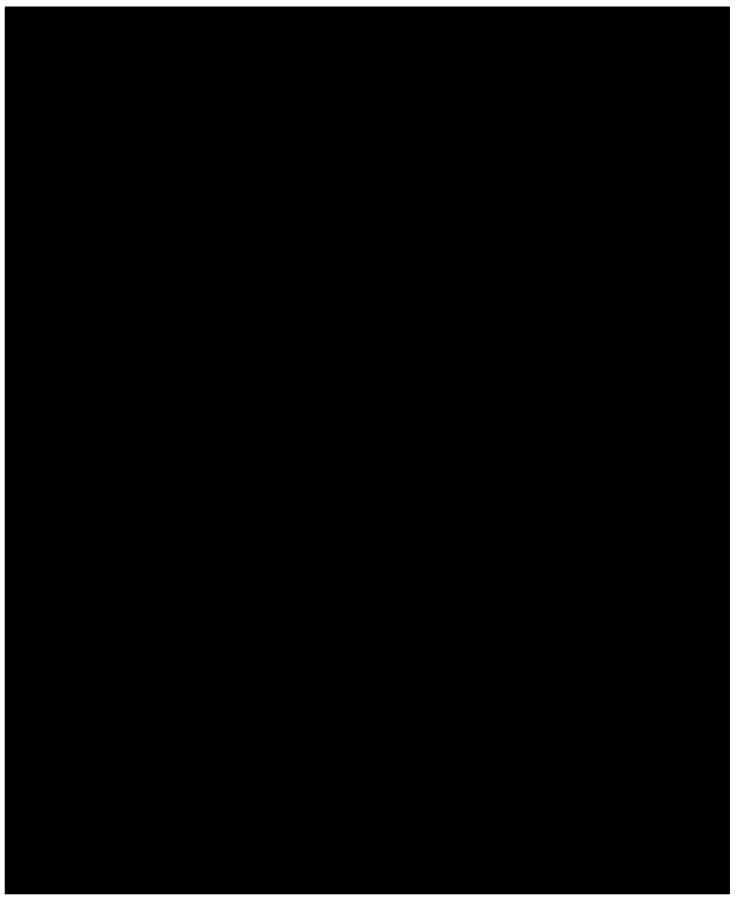


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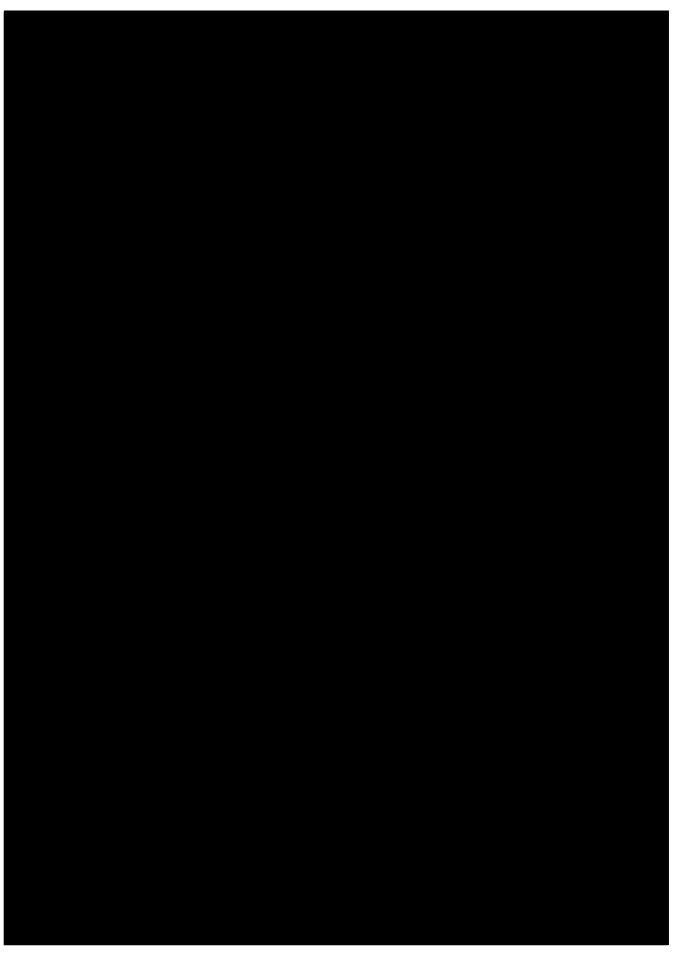


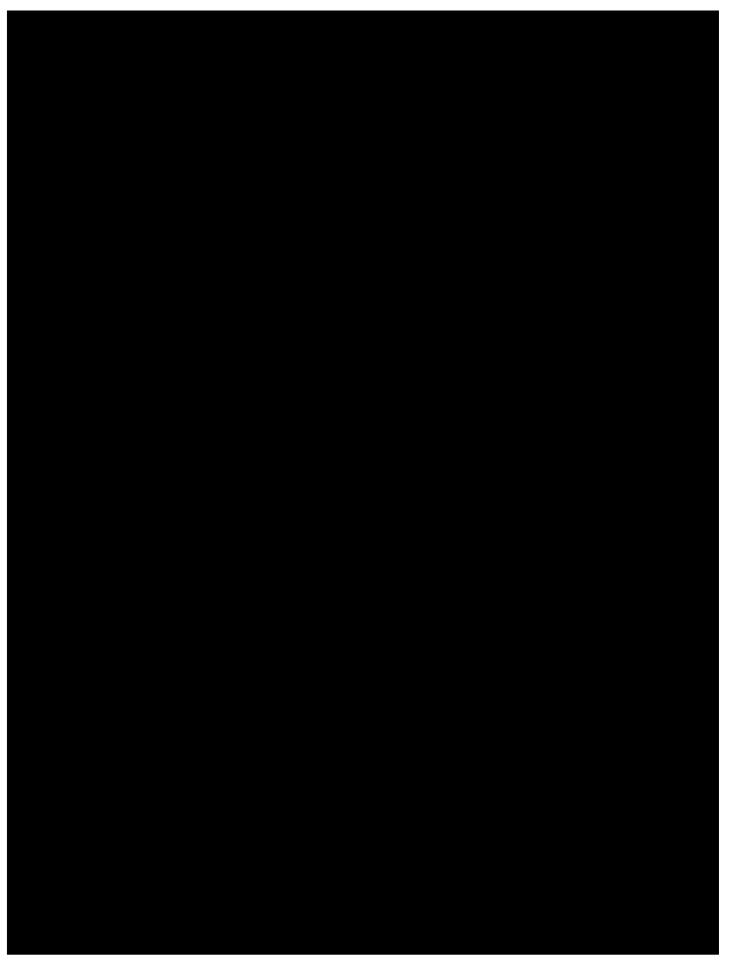


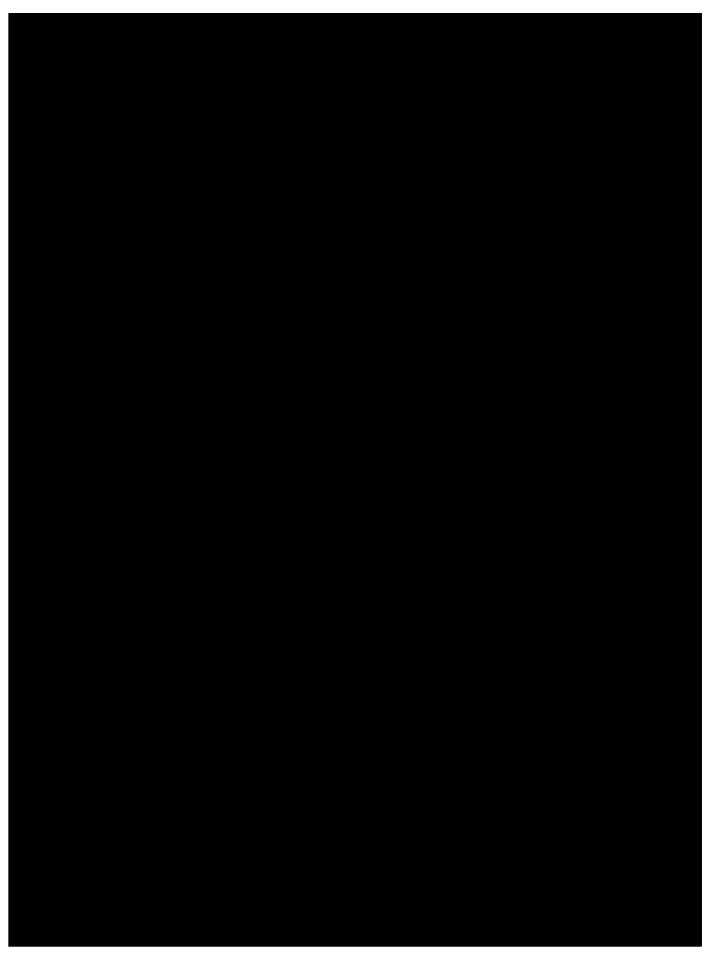




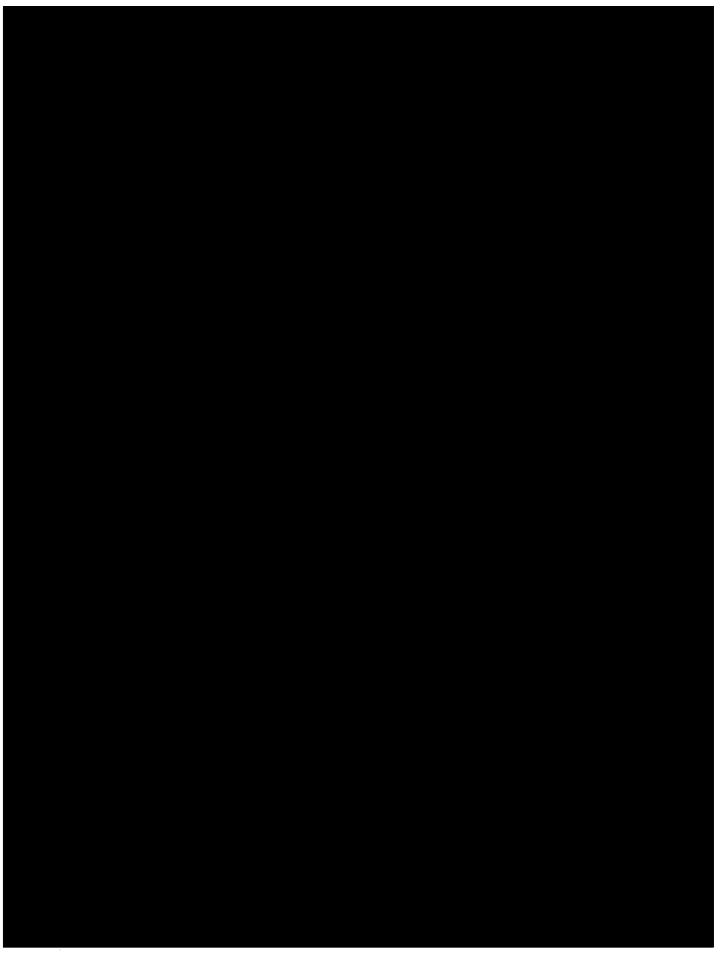
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### Exhibit 12

GENERAL AGREEMENT

FOR THE JOINT USE OF POLES

PENNSYLVANIA POWER COMPANY

AND

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA

DATED: December 15, 1978

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THIS AGREEMENT made this 15th day of December A.D. 1978, to be effective the first day of January, A.D. 1979, by and between PENNSYLVANIA POWER COMPANY, a corporation of the COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, hereinafter called Electric Company, and THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA, a corporation of the COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, hereinafter called Telephone Company.

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Electric Company and the Telephone Company have been and are cooperating in the joint use of poles under the provisions of an agreement dated March 27, 1928, and as supplemented on November 23, 1931, on December 1, 1936, and on March 11, 1949; and

WHEREAS, the Electric Company and the Telephone Company desire to continue and expand the joint use of their respective poles when and where joint use shall be of mutual advantage; and

WHEREAS, the conditions determining the necessity or desirability of joint use depend upon the service requirements to be met by both Parties, including considerations of safety and economy, and each of them should be the judge of what the character of its circuits should be to meet its own service requirements and as to whether or not these service requirements can be properly met by the joint use of poles.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants, terms and conditions herein contained, the Parties hereto, intending to be legally bound hereby, do hereby mutually covenant and agree as follows:

### ARTICLE I

### **DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Owner means the Party holding title to and having full owner-ship in any pole.

Licensee means the Party to whom a license is granted hereunder.

Attachments are any material or apparatus now or hereafter attached to a joint pole by the Parties hereto.

<u>Joint Pole</u>, also <u>Joint Use Pole</u>, means a pole which, under the terms of this agreement, is owned by one Party and occupied by Attachments of the other Party.

### ARTICLE II

### SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

- A. This agreement shall be in effect in all of the territory of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in which both Parties to this agreement now or may hereafter operate in common, and shall cover all poles of each of the Parties now existing or hereafter erected or acquired in the above common territory, when said poles are brought hereunder in accordance with the procedures hereinafter provided.
- B. Each Party reserves the right to exclude from Joint Use (1) poles which, in Owner's judgment, are necessary for its own sole use; (2) poles which carry, or are intended to carry, circuits of such character that in the Owner's judgment the proper rendering of its service now or in the future makes Joint Use of such poles undesirable; and (3) poles where, in the Owner's judgment, Joint Use would not prove economical.

### ARTICLE III

### **SPECIFICATIONS**

- A. The Joint Use of poles covered by this agreement shall be in accordance with the latest edition of the National Electrical Safety Code or modification thereof which may hereafter be mutually agreed upon, except where lawful requirements of public authorities may be more stringent, in which case the latter will govern.
- B. All supply and communication circuits and their connected apparatus shall be constructed, operated and maintained to avoid or minimize electrical interference. Where such interference is experienced, the Parties shall cooperate to determine the cause and apply those measures which will most effectively and economically avoid or minimize the interference.
- C. Any existing Joint Use construction which does not conform to these requirements on the date it is brought under this agreement shall be brought into conformity therewith as soon as practicable.
- D. Space allocations on poles now existing under the terms of the agreement dated March 27, 1928 or agreements supplemental thereto shall continue until the pole is replaced, at which time such allocations shall be made in accordance with this agreement.
- E. Electric Company and Telephone Company vertical runs shall not be made on the same pole, except by mutual agreement.
- F. No less than one half of a pole face shall be preserved free of Attachments in the common climbing area between the ground line and the Telephone Attachments.

### PUBLIC VERSION ARTICLE IV

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Within 30 days after the effective date of this agreement, each Party hereto shall designate, in writing, a representative for the purpose of developing the practices, procedures and interpretations necessary for the administration of this agreement. Such practices, procedures and interpretations shall, in all cases, be consistent with the terms of this agreement.

### ARTICLE V

### ESTABLISHING JOINT USE OF NEW POLES

- A. Whenever either Party requires new pole facilities, either as an additional pole, a new pole line, or an extension of any existing pole line, where neither Party has existing pole facilities, it shall promptly notify the other Party in writing in order to determine the desirability of Joint Use. The other Party shall respond within five (5) working days from receipt of notification. Advance oral communication is considered desirable by both Parties.
- B. If Joint Use is agreed upon, the Parties shall cooperate in designing the proposed construction to meet the needs of both Parties. Ownership of new pole structures will be determined by mutual agreement. The availability of manpower and equipment to meet the required completion date shall be considered in determining ownership. The Party which is to become Licensee will submit to Owner an application for Joint Use whether or not Licensee plans to make immediate use of new pole structures. Owner shall signify his authorization of the proposed Joint Use by promptly signing and returning the application as soon as the new pole structure is in place, the signed document thereby constituting a license for Joint Use.
- C. If Joint Use cannot be agreed upon, the Parties shall cooperate to determine the most practical and economical method of effectively providing separate lines.

### ARTICLE VI

### ESTABLISHING JOINT USE OF EXISTING POLES

A. Whenever either Party desires to make an initial Attachment to or reserve space on any pole owned by the other Party, it shall make written application therefore. The Owner shall signify his authorization of the proposed Joint Use by promptly signing and returning the application, it thereby constituting a license for Joint Use. Either Party has permission to attach to the other Party's poles, except those excluded from Joint Use, in connection with a customer service order, a maintenance order or service restoral or for the purpose of installing a temporary by-pass during line construction provided, however, that written application for Joint Use shall be made to the Owner within IO working days thereafter.

B. If the pole is available for Joint Use but requires rearrangement of the Owner's facilities, the Owner will cooperate to make such rearrangements as may be necessary to allow the existing pole to be brought into joint use. Where the pole is inadequate and such rearrangement is not reasonable, the pole shall be replaced and costs distributed according to Article XVII. Each Party shall be responsible for placing, transferring and rearranging its own facilities.

### ARTICLE VII

### EXISTING JOINT USE - ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. A cooperative effort shall be made by both Parties to fully utilize an existing Joint Pole before a pole replacement is made. Whenever a pole replacement can be avoided by one Party rearranging its facilities to accommodate the requirements of the other Party, a written communication shall be used between the Parties to effect a mutually agreeable arrangement.
- B. When an existing Joint Pole must be replaced due to requirements of Owner, such replacement shall be done by Owner. Owner shall notify Licensee of the pending replacement. Within 10 working days, Licensee shall reply stating whether or not any special considerations are desired.
- C. When an existing Joint Use pole must be replaced due to requirements of Licensee, Licensee shall request Owner to replace such pole. If Owner does not desire or cannot make such replacement, then Licensee may make the replacement and Owner will transfer his facilities. If Licensee replaces the pole, the location of the new pole shall be mutually acceptable.
- D. If either Party requires an interspersed pole in an existing line, the placing and ownership of the pole shall be determined by mutual agreement.
- E. In all cases, each Party is responsible for the handling of its own Attachments. The last Party to transfer from an old pole to a new pole shall remove and dispose of the old pole, unless otherwise instructed by Owner. Responsibility for the transfer of customer or other third party attachments is considered to be that of the Party authorizing the attachment. Unauthorized third party attachments are considered to be the responsibility of the pole Owner.
- F. When a pole is replaced, the replacing Party shall notify the other Party when the replacement is completed.

### PUBLIC VERSION ARTICLE VIII

### MAINTENANCE

- A. Joint Use poles shall be maintained by, and at the sole expense of, Owner in accordance with the Specifications of Article III. Owner shall renew on a timely basis, such poles as become defective, except that by mutual agreement Licensee may replace defective poles and assume ownership thereof.
- B. Owner shall give Licensee written notice of all pending pole replacements, whether or not Joint Use is involved. Within 10 working days, Licensee shall reply, stating whether or not any special considerations are desired, or, in the case of non-Joint Use poles, whether or not Joint Use is contemplated. Emergency replacements which do not permit sufficient interval for written notification are excepted. Owner shall consult with Licensee when poles cannot be replaced so as to preserve the existing attachment locations and alignments.
- C. Each Party will assume its own transfer charges, as long as replacement poles are so located that existing facilities can be transferred without being extended or replaced. Poles may be relocated by mutual agreement as to physical location and cost of transfer. The last Party at the location will remove and dispose of the old pole unless otherwise instructed by Owner. Responsibility for third party attachments shall be as specified in Article VII, Article IX and Article XX.
- D. Each of the Parties shall, at its own expense, maintain its Attachments on all Jointly Used poles in accordance with the Specifications in Article III and shall maintain the same in safe condition and in thorough and complete repair.

### ARTICLE IX

### JOINT USE POLE SPACE ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Space assignments as between the Parties shall be as follows:
- 1. On poles thirty five (35) feet and under in length, a space of eighteen (18) feet above the pole ground line shall be for common use of both Parties. The next three (3) feet shall be designated communication space, above which shall be the standard separation space as required between communications facilities and power facilities. The remaining space to the top of the pole shall be designated power space.
- 2. On poles forty (40) feet and over in length, a space of twenty (20) feet above the pole ground line shall be for common use of both Parties. The next three (3) feet shall be designated communications space, above which shall be the standard separation space as required between communications facilities and power facilities. The remaining space to the top of the pole shall be designated power space.

- B. Third party attachments, except those customer-owned attachments made coincident with rendering Licensee's service, are the responsibility of the pole Owner, and when pole Owner grants a third party attachment, the space required for such attachment shall be considered as part of the pole Owner's designated space and not part of the other Party's designated space regardless of the location of the third party's attachment on the pole.
- C. Either Party needing more space beyond their standard designated space may use any currently unused designated space of the other Party until such time as it is needed by the other Party. When the other Party requires its designated space, the Party out of space designation is responsible for the pole replacement. The Party paying for the pole replacement shall be entitled to the additional space thus provided as an addition to its standard designated space. If the pole replacement benefits the space usage of both Parties, then each Party shall be entitled to a proportionate share of the additional space as an addition to their standard designated space and the pole replacement payments shall be determined and apportioned in accordance with Article XVII.
- D. Whenever extra ground clearance is required at a pole to compensate for uneven terrain, long span contruction, wide highway or railroad crossings, the extra pole height required is applied as an addition to the standard space above the pole ground line for common use of both Parties, with each Party's standard designated space being adjusted upward accordingly.
- E. Any existing Joint Use pole not meeting standard designated space assignments on the date of this agreement, shall be brought into conformity at the time a pole replacement is required.

### ARTICLE X

### OWNERSHIP OF JOINT USE POLES

No use of poles under this agreement, however extensive, shall vest in Licensee any ownership herein, nor shall the payment by Licensee of any expense in connection with substituting new poles vest in it any ownership in the substituted poles unless herein otherwise expressly provided.

### ARTICLE XI

### RIGHT OF WAY

No guarantee is given by Owner of permission from property owners, municipalities or others for the use of its poles by Licensee. Licensee shall, at its own expense, secure all necessary rights or permissions from the owners of property and public authorities involved for use of Owner's poles by Licensee.

### ARTICLE XII

### GUYING

- A. Each Party shall place, at its own expense, guy wires required for the support of its own wires and appliances on Joint Use poles.
- B. In connection with the erection of poles for Joint Use, either as an additional line, line extension or reconstruction of an existing line, Owner shall place, at its own expense, multi-eye anchors for mutual use at common guying points.
- C. Anchors required solely for the purpose of one of the Parties shall be placed by and at the expense of that Party.
- D. If, in connection with existing Joint Use or proposed Joint Use of existing poles, the relocation or replacement of an existing anchor (including replacements of single-eye with multi-eye rod) is necessary to accommodate guying of one of the Parties, that Party shall arrange for and install changed anchor. Ownership of anchor shall be vested in Party that installed it.

### ARTICLE XIII

### TRIMMING AND CLEARING

Each of the Parties shall be responsible for any trimming or cutting of trees as may be necessary to clear its own wires and appliances on Jointly Used poles provided, however, that the Parties may agree, in cases mutually advantageous, that one of the Parties will arrange for trimming to clear the wires and appliances of both Parties, the cost thereof to be shared upon such basis as has been agreed upon prior to the start of work.

### ARTICLE XIV

### BONDING & GROUNDING

A. The interconnection of the Telephone Company's cable plant and/or protective equipment with the Electric Company's neutral is desirable as part of the inductive and protective measures required in connection with Joint Use of poles. At a pole where a vertical ground wire is connected to the Electric Company's neutral, the Telephone Company may place a bond wire connecting its cable strand to the vertical ground wire. At a pole where there is not an existing ground wire connected to the Electric Company's neutral, the Telephone Company may place a coiled length of bond wire connected to its cable strand or guy wire and shall request the Electric Company to connect the bond wire to the Electric Company neutral and cover with molding as may be required.

B. The Telephone Company may place and connect bond wires between its guys and existing vertical ground wires connected to the neutral. Bonding between each Company's guys not attached to the same anchor rod shall be placed and connected when such additional and separate guying work is performed at a common guying location by either Party.

### ARTICLE XV

### THIRD PARTY ATTACHMENTS

- A. Each Party hereto shall be solely responsible for facilities owned by its respective customers or subscribers which are attached to Jointly Used poles. Such customer-owned attachments shall be limited, as to any pole, to such number as will not interfere with the use of the pole by both Owner and Licensee. It is understood and agreed that Licenses granted hereunder are intended to include such customer-owned facilities.
- B. All contracts covering the attachment to Joint Use poles by third parties, other than customers of the Licensee, shall be made by the Owner.
- C. Each Party consents to the attachment of a third party when space is available, or in the clearance space between Electric and Telephone facilities, when said clearance space is in excess of the National Electrical Safety Code requirements. All attachments of third parties must be made in accordance with the National Electrical Safety Code and the specific requirements of both Owner and Licensee, and are subject to the provisions of Article IX.
- D. Unauthorized attachments by third parties are, for the purpose of this agreement, considered to be the responsibility of the Owner.

### ARTICLE XVI

### CHANGES IN OR REMOVAL OF WIRES AND APPLIANCES

A. Whenever either Party desires to change the character of its circuits on any Joint Use poles and such change might affect the inductive nature of the facility, or which will result in increased or decreased clearance separations as provided in Article III, that Party shall notify the other Party in writing of such contemplated change and the Joint Use of such poles shall continue with such changes in construction as may be required to meet the terms of Article III. Should the Parties fail to agree upon conditions which would permit continued Joint Use, they shall then cooperate to determine the most practical and economical method of effectively providing for separate lines and the equitable apportionment of the net expense involved. In the event that the Parties cannot agree as to the method of effectively providing for separate lines, Licensee shall remove its Attachments from the Jointly Used poles at its expense.

- B. Licensee may, at any time, remove all of its wires and appliances from any of Owner's poles. Any liabilities, fees or charges incurred under this agreement prior to the removal shall not be terminated or affected thereby.
- C. Owner may, at any time, abandon the use of any licensed Joint Use pole. If Owner is not obligated to remove such pole, Owner shall give Licensee thirty (30) days notice in writing to remove its Attachments or purchase such pole for an equitable sum as may be agreed upon by Parties. If Licensee elects to purchase said pole, Owner shall deliver to Licensee an appropriate instrument transferring title thereto. If Owner is obligated to remove such pole upon abandonment by it or if Licensee elects not to purchase, Licensee shall remove its facilities.
- D. Upon such transfer of ownership, the Party to whom the ownership of poles is transferred shall thereafter defend and save harmless the Party from whom the ownership is transferred from all detriment, damage, losses, liability, claims, demands, suits, costs and expenses of every kind and description, by reason of or in any way resulting from the presence, maintenance, operation or removal of said transferred poles or the wires and appliances thereon, or by reason of the acts or negligence of the agents or employees of the Party to whom the ownership is transferred in maintaining, operating or removing said transferred poles and the wires and appliances thereon, or their acts or negligence while engaged in such work provided, however, that any liability incurred prior to the transfer of ownership shall not be terminated or affected thereby.

### ARTICLE XVII

### DIVISION OF COSTS

- A. Costs associated with pole replacements shall be determined according to a schedule of reciprocal costs to be developed by the Designated Representatives appointed to administer this agreement. This schedule of reciprocal costs may be modified from time of time as mutually agreed upon by the Designated Representatives.
- B. New poles, forty (40) feet or less in length, which are erected under the provisions of Article V shall be furnished and erected at Owner's expense. Height in excess of forty (40) feet shall be at the expense of the Party requiring such excess height.
- C. The replacement, by Owner, of an existing pole for the sole benefit of the Licensee, whether to establish Joint Use or to accommodate additional Joint Use, shall be at the expense of the Licensee, who shall reimburse Owner for any additional height required and for the sacrificed life of the old pole.

- D. Whenever Licensee replaces Owner's pole and assumes ownership of the new pole, Licensee shall reimburse Owner for the sacrificed life of the old pole.
- E. Replacement of a pole by Owner for Owner's sole benefit or for maintenance purposes shall be at Owner's expense.
- F. The replacement or relocation of a Joint Use pole for reasons for which neither Party is solely responsible, including requirements of public authorities, shall be at Owner's expense.
- G. Whenever one Party places a pole that will replace a pole of the other Party, resulting in a change of pole ownership at that location, the pole placing Party shall furnish and erect the new pole at its expense, and shall reimburse the other Party for the sacrificed life of their pole being removed. The Party placing the pole at that location shall become the new Joint Use pole Owner, and the other Party whose pole is being removed shall attach to Owner's pole and become Licensee.
- H. Whenever Owner replaces a pole for Licensee, and both the Owner and Licensee share in the additional space provided by the new pole, then Licensee shall be responsible for the cost of only his proportionate share of the additional space. Also, an equivalent share of the sacrificed life of the old pole shall be applied to the Licensee's expense.
- I. Transfers and rearrangements of Attachments shall be made by each Party, without charge, unless a pole replacement in involved and the new pole is so located that existing facilities must be extended or replaced in order to reach the new pole location or unless both Parties agree to other arrangements.

### ARTICLE XVIII

### ATTACHMENT FEES

- A. An annual attachment fee shall be paid by Licensee to Owner for each pole on which Licensee has reserved space or on which Licensee has made an Attachment, whether such Attachment is for support or merely for clearance.
- B. Attachment fees will be based on the mean average annual carrying charge applicable to distribution poles of both Parties and the relative usage by each Party of an average Joint Use pole expressed as a percentage. For the purpose of calculating rental fees, an average Joint Use pole is established as being a forty (40) foot wood pole, with forty-four (44) percent of such pole being utilized by the Telephone Company and fifty-six (56) percent of such pole being utilized by the Electric Company as apportioned in Article IX. Thus, the Telephone Company will annually pay to the Electric Company an amount equal to 44% of the mean annual carrying charge for each pole owned by the Electric Company to which it is attached. The Electric Company will annually pay to the Telephone Company an amount equal to 56% of the mean average carrying charge for each pole owned by the Telephone Company to which it is attached.

- C. On or before the first of June of each odd numbered year, the Designated Representatives of the Parties will calculate the pole rental fees as follows:
  - 1. Each Company calculates its average Annual Carrying Charge (ACC) for distribution poles. The Annual Carrying Charge shall include the following components:
    - a. Maintenance
    - b. Administration
    - c. General Expense
    - d. Depreciation
    - e. Return
    - f. Income Tax
    - q. Other taxes
  - Companies calculate the mean average of their individual average Annual Carrying Charges (ACC)

$$\frac{ACC + ACC}{Tel Pwr} = Mean ACC$$

3. Companies calculate rental fees

### Where:

- R = rental fee for Telephone Company owned poles to T which Electric Company is attached
- R = rental fee for Electric Company owned poles to which P Telephone Company is attached
- The fees thus calculated shall remain in effect until the next scheduled recalculation.
- D. Each Party shall submit to the other not later than the 30th day of September of each year, a statement of the use of its poles by the other Party for which fees are to be charged as of the 30th day of June of that year. For the total number of poles so used, the current annual attachment fee shall be paid within 30 days.

### ARTICLE XIX

### PAYMENT OF TAXES

Owner shall be responsible for having all taxes and fees legally levied on Joint Use poles and facilities paid except where authorities levy taxes or fees legally on each Party in which case each shall be responsible for payment as stipulated by law.

### ARTICLE XX

### RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as affecting the rights or privileges conferred or to be conferred by Owner, by contract or otherwise, on third parties to use any poles or facilities covered by this Agreement. Such wires and apparatus not owned by either Party as may be placed on any pole under authority conferred by either Party shall, for the purpose of this Agreement, be considered the property of the Party authorizing the Attachment and subject as such to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

### ARTICLE XXI

### ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

Neither Party hereto shall assign or otherwise dispose of this agreement or its rights or interest hereunder or in any of the Attachments or rights of way covered by this agreement to any firm, corporation or individual, without the written consent of the other Party provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent or limit the right of either party to make a lease or transfer any or all of its property, rights, privileges and franchises to another corporation organized for the purpose of conducting a business of the same general character as that of the lessor or transferror or to enter into any lawful merger or consolidation or to make a general mortgage of all its property, rights, privileges and franchises and, in case of such lease, transfer, merger, consolidation or mortgage, the rights and obligations acquired under this agreement shall pass to the lessee, assignee, merging or consolidated company or trustee under such mortgage. All liabilities hereunder shall bind, and all rights acquired hereunder shall inure to, the successors and assigns of the Parties hereto, to the extent in this Article provided.

### ARTICLE XXII

### WAIVER OF TERMS OR CONDITIONS

The failure of either Party to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement shall not constitute a general waiver or relinquishment of any such terms or conditions, but the same shall be and remain at all times in full force and effect.

### ARTICLE XXIII

### **DEFAULTS**

- A. If Licensee shall be in default in any of its obligations stipulated herein, and such default shall continue for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to written notice given by Owner, Owner may, if it so elects, permanently terminate Licensee's right to attach to poles as to which such default exists. Such termination shall not be construed as a waiver of the right to enforce any liabilities for costs incurred or to be incurred for the collection of any sums theretofore or thereafter due.
- B. If Owner shall be in default in any obligations stipulated herein, and such default shall continue for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to written notice thereof given by Licensee, Owner hereby agrees to pay all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by Licensee as a result of such default, in assuring the safety and adequacy of its service.

### ARTICLE XXIV

### TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall become effective January 1, 1979 and, subject to the conditions of Article XXIII, DEFAULTS, herein, this agreement may be terminated, so far as concerns further granting of Joint Use, by either Party hereto at the expiration of five (5) years from the effective date hereof upon one (1) year's notice in writing to the other Party of an intention so to terminate it; provided, that if not so terminated, it shall continue thereafter until terminated by either Party at any time upon one (1) year's notice in writing to the other Party as aforesaid; and provided further that notwithstanding such termination, this agreement shall remain in full force and effect with respect to all poles Jointly Used by the Parties hereto at the time of such termination and to any replacement of such poles.

### ARTICLE XXV

### TRANSFER OF OUTSTANDING PERMITS AND CANCELLATION OF EXISTING RENTAL AGREEMENT

- A. As of the effective date of this Agreement, all permits issued under the terms of Part I "Relating to Rented Poles" of the Agreement dated March 27, 1928, as subsequently supplemented, and all rights and privileges of the Parties with respect to poles which are in Joint Use (Rental) under the terms of that Agreement, shall be governed by the terms of this Agreement and Part I of the 1928 Agreement is hereby cancelled with respect to such poles.
- B. Part II "Relating to Joint Use" of said 1928 Agreement covering Joint Use of poles under cost sharing arrangements shall continue in force except that any such pole which must be replaced for any reason whatsoever shall be replaced under the terms of this Agreement and Joint Use as a rental pole shall continue hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed in duplicate, and their corporate seals to be affixed thereto by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, on the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

PENNSYLVANIA POWER COMPANY

Title

Vice President

W.F. REEHER

ATTEST:

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

Title

Vice President - Operations



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August 20, 1999

Mr. Timothy D. Kilmore, P. E. Regional Supervisor, Engineering Pennsylvania Power Company 1 East Washington Street P. O. Box 891 New Castle, PA 16103-0891

Re: 1999 & 2000 Pole Attachment Compensation

Dear Mr. Kilmore:

The procedure for determining the annual pole fees is described in Article XVIII of our General Agreement for the Joint Use of Poles, dated December 15, 1978 and provides that the annual pole fees shall be calculated in each odd numbered year. Due to an accounting change Pennsylvania Power can no longer calculate the annual carrying charge (ACC) needed for this calculation. Both companies have agreed to use the formula below for establishing rates until such time as our Agreement is amended.

This letter will confirm the rates, thus established on August 18, 1999, by Messrs. W. Francescone and J. J. Giancola, for the 1999 and 2000 billing periods.

The Mean Annual Carrying Charge (MACC) to be used as a basis for calculating rates in odd numbered years will be based on the MACC for 1993 and proportional to changes in the Handy Whitman (H-W) Index for Poles, Towers, Fixtures (Line 44, Schedule E-1, North Atlantic Region, January 1st issue) calculated as follows:

MACC <sub>odd year</sub> = MACC <sub>1993</sub> [ 
$$1 + 0.25 ((H-W_{odd year} - H-W_{1993})/H-W_{1993})]$$

The 0.25 multiplier represents an agreed to factor to account for the historical lower rate of change of the MACC relative the change in the Handy-Whitman (H-W) Index.

The calculation of the compensation rate applicable for the years 1999 and 2000 is as follows:

MACC<sub>1999</sub>

I herefore, the pole attachment fees are:
Attachment fee for Telephone Company owned poles to which Electric Company is attached is
Attachment fee for Electric Company owned poles to which Telephone Company is attached is
In accordance with the terms of our Agreement, Pennsylvania Power will render a bill for
the number of its poles to which Bell Atlantic - PA is attached, and Bell Atlantic - PA will
render a bill for the number of its poles to which Pennsylvania Power is attached.

To signify your concurrence of the above, please sign the duplicate original of this letter and return same to my attention.

Sincerely,

Sharun Cook

Concurred J. H. Olle Date 9/20/55

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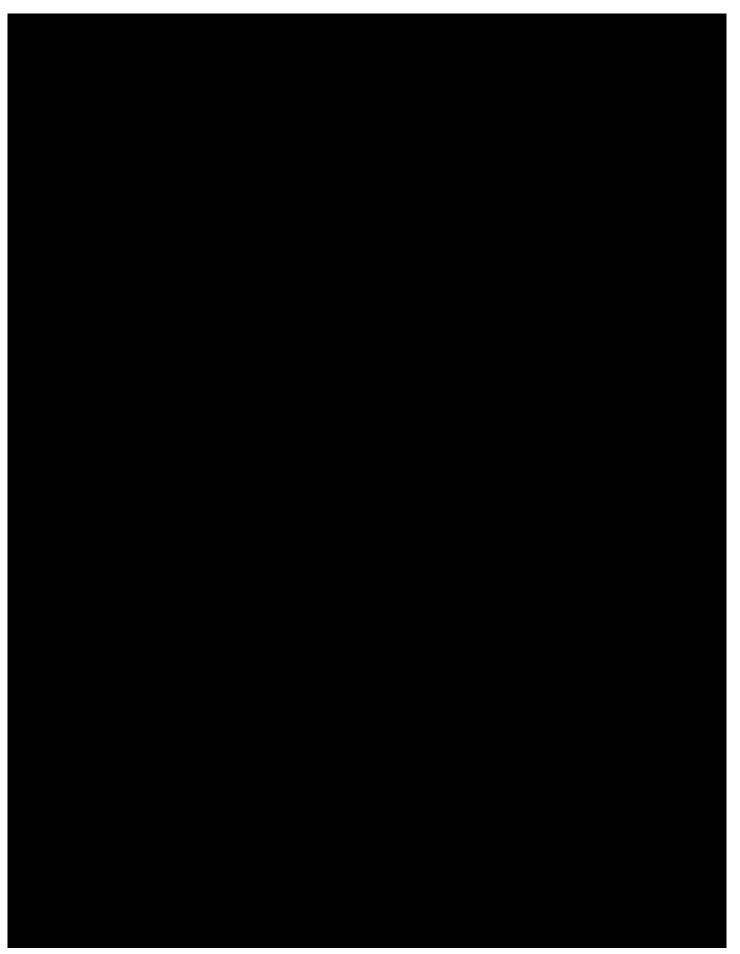
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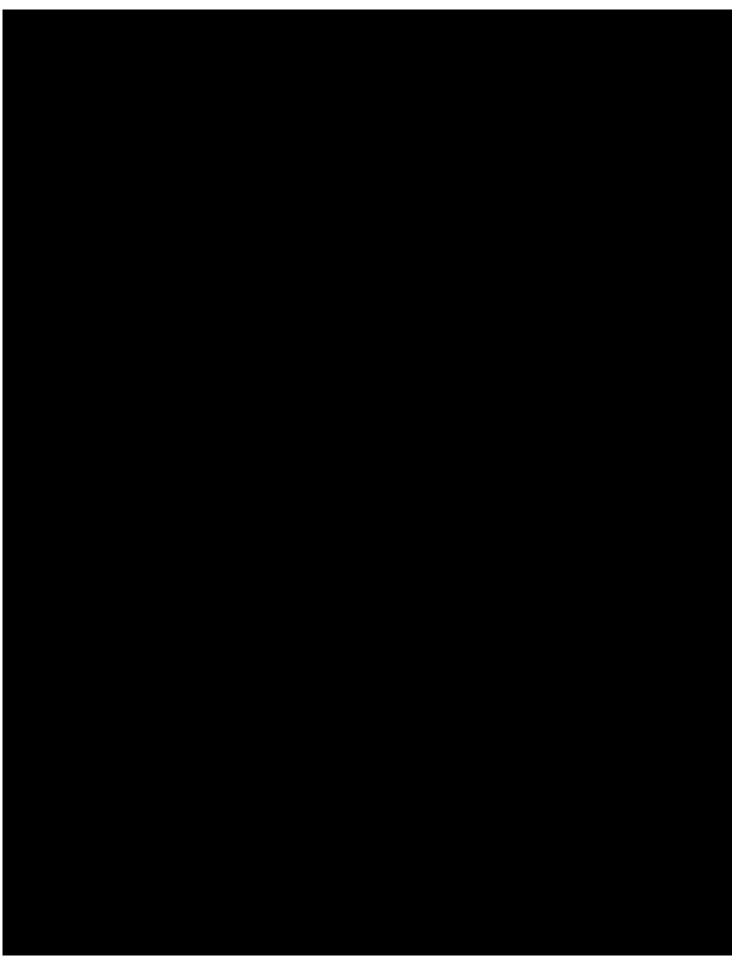
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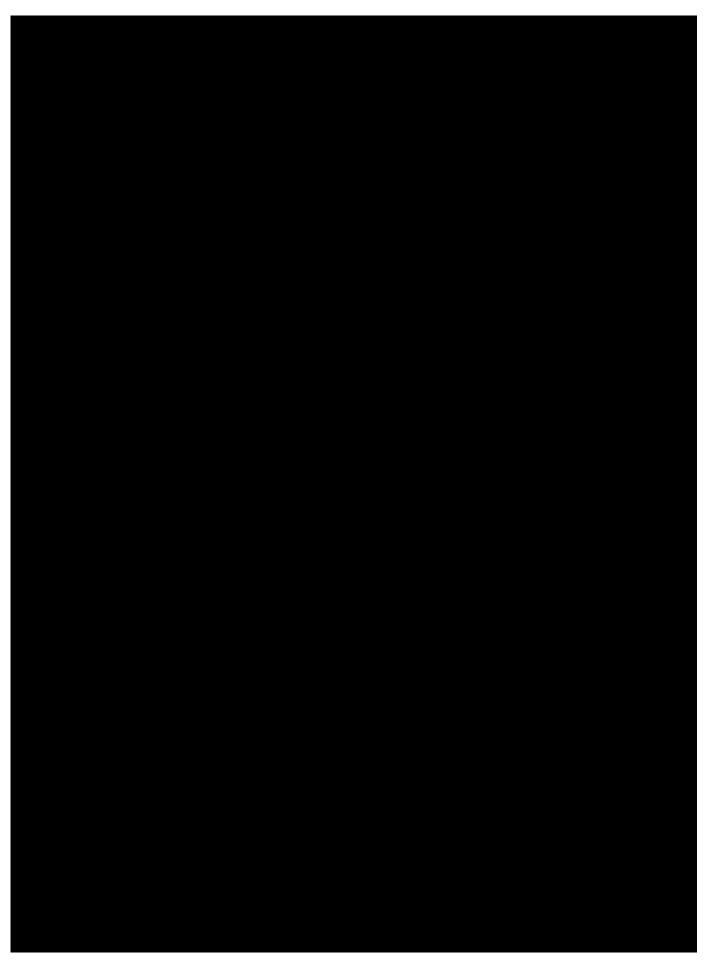
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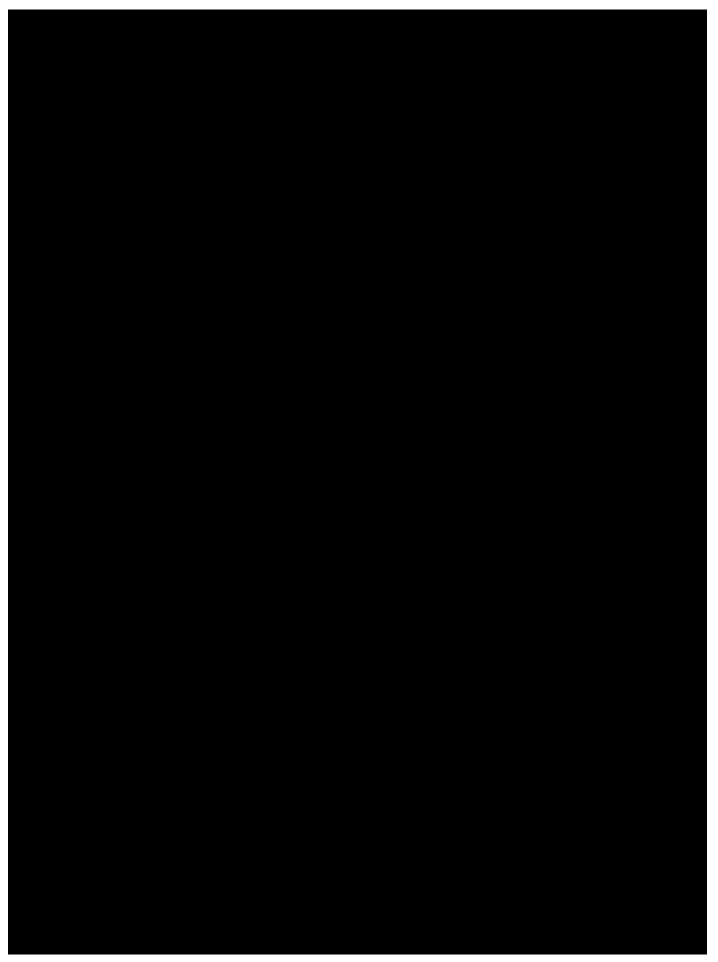
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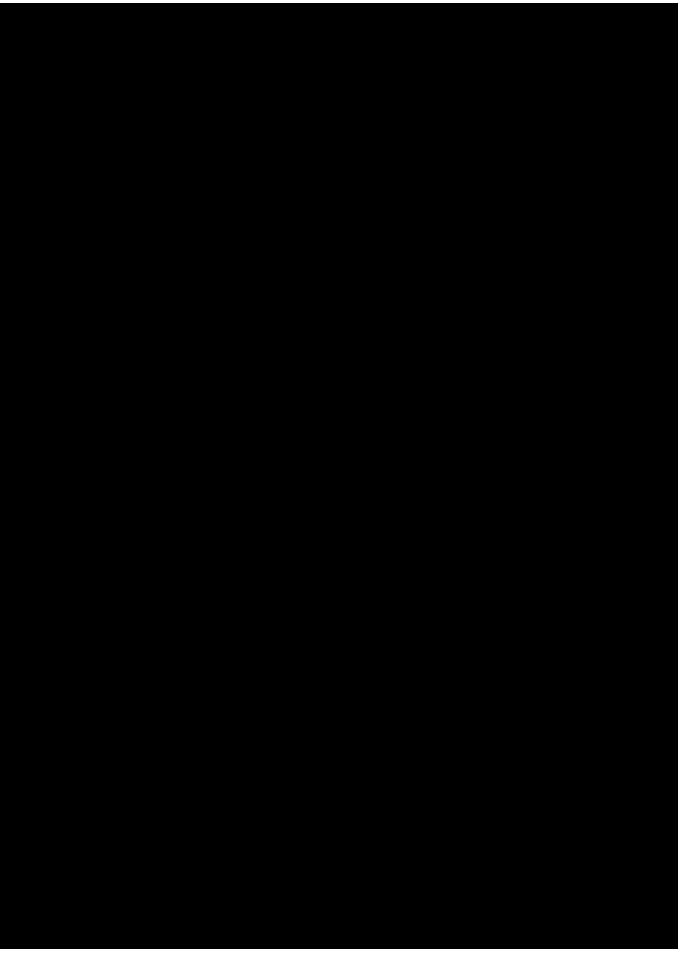


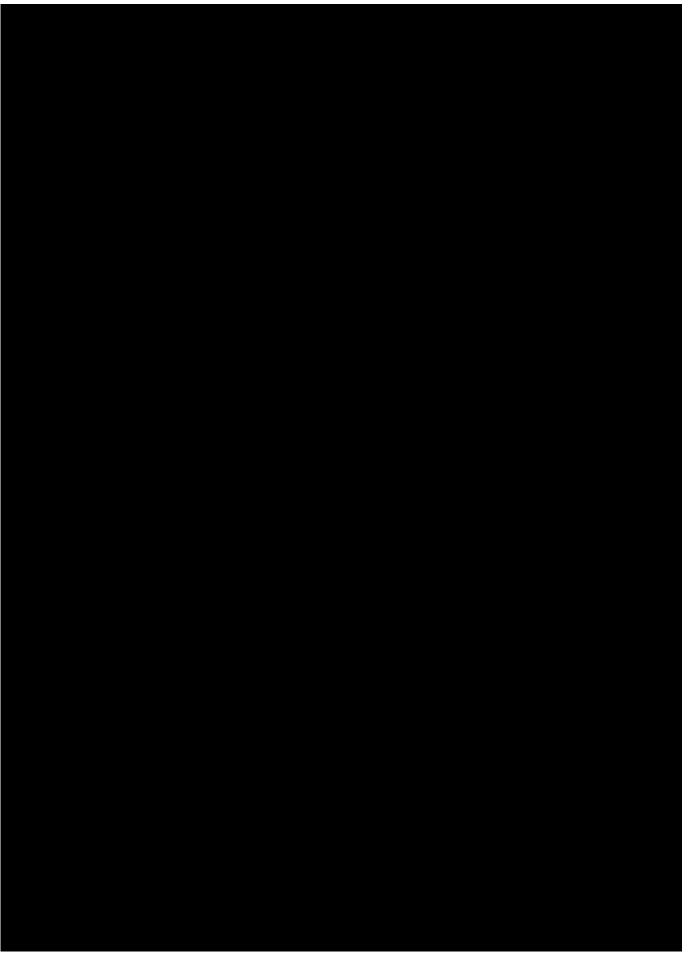


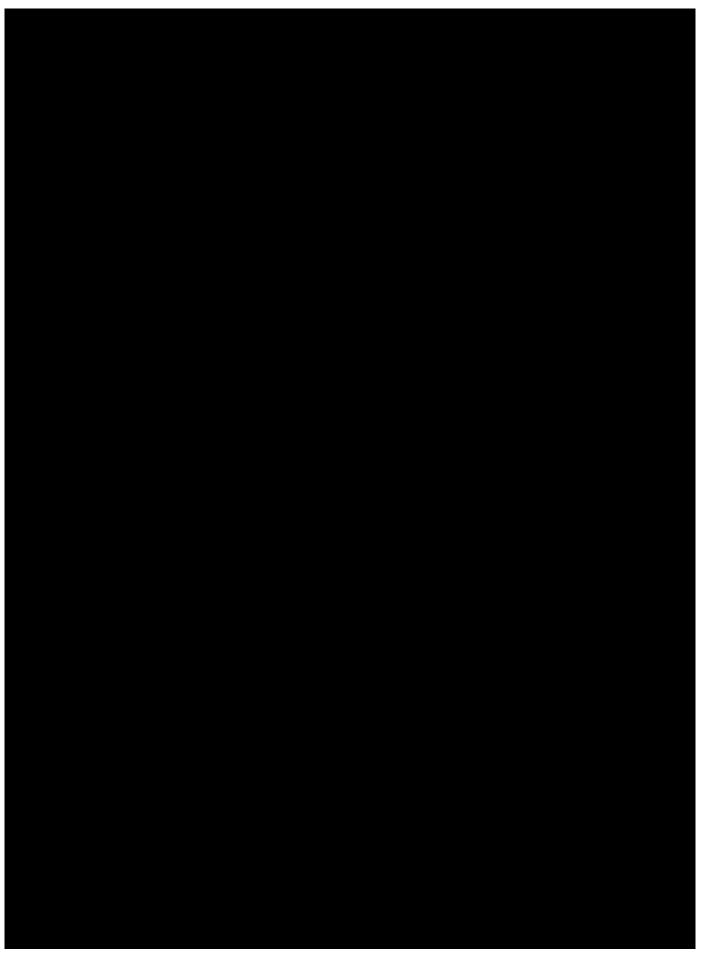


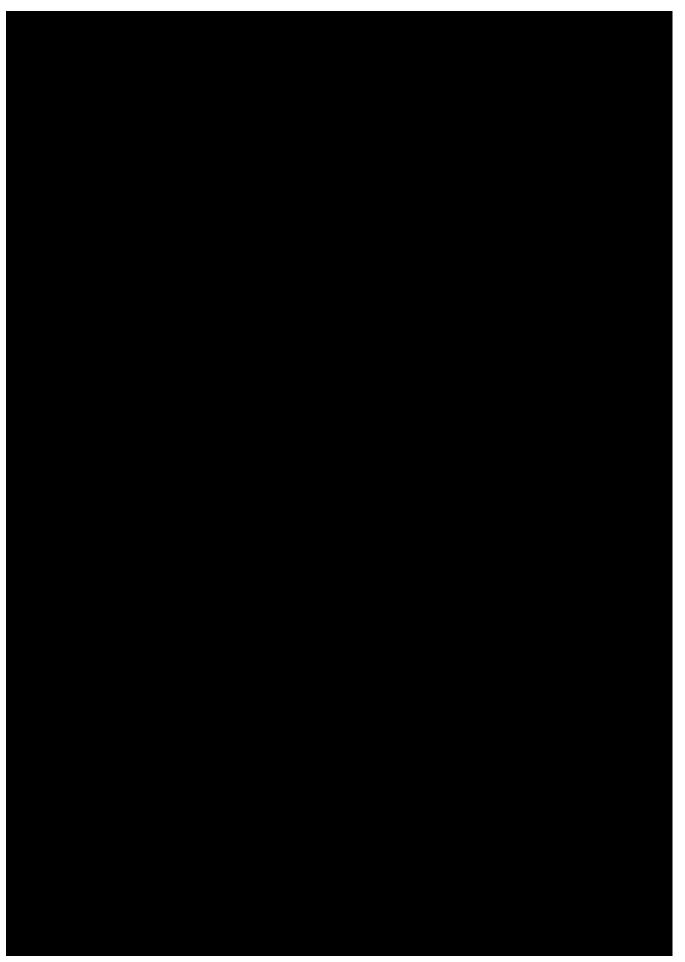


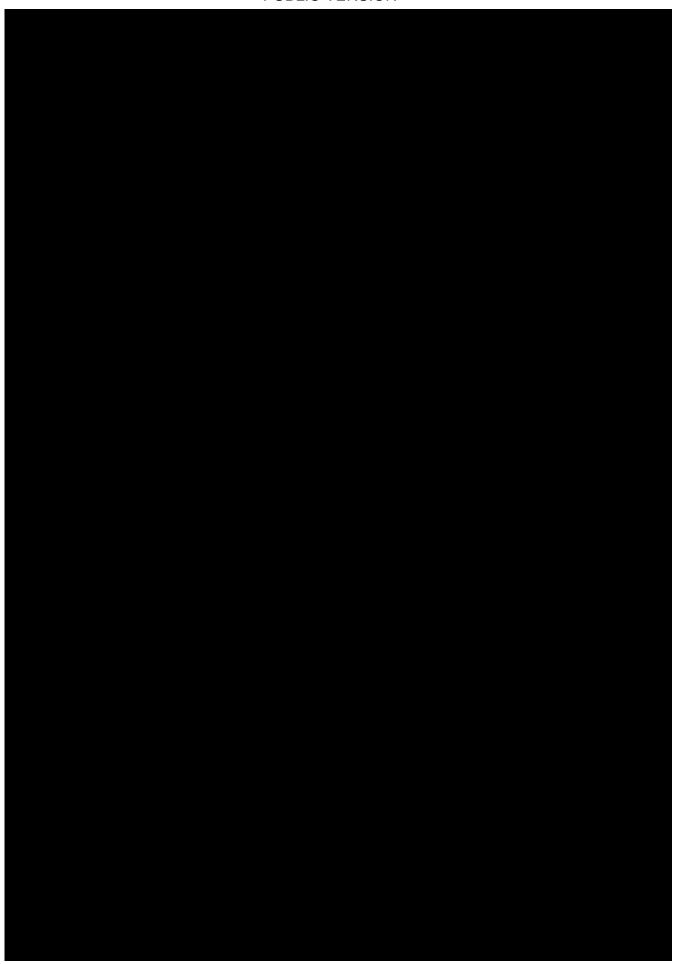


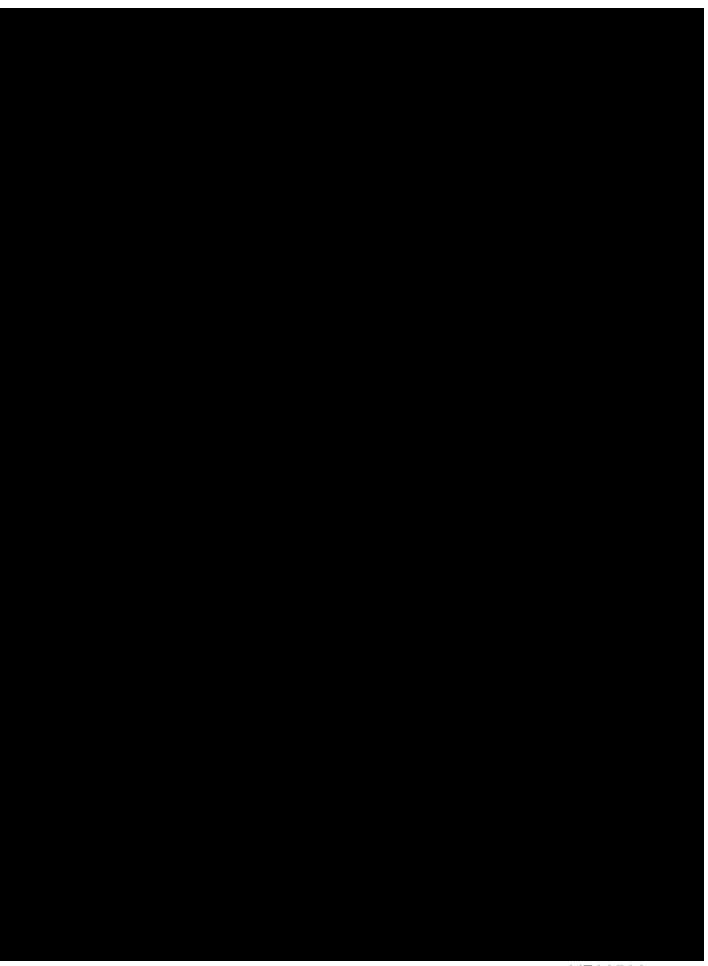


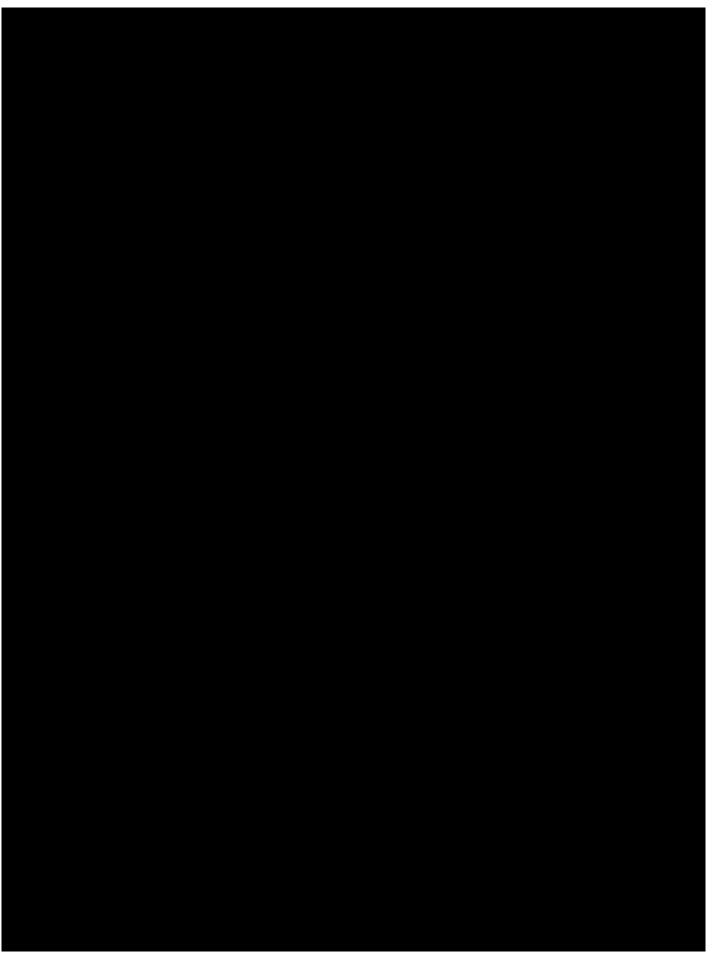


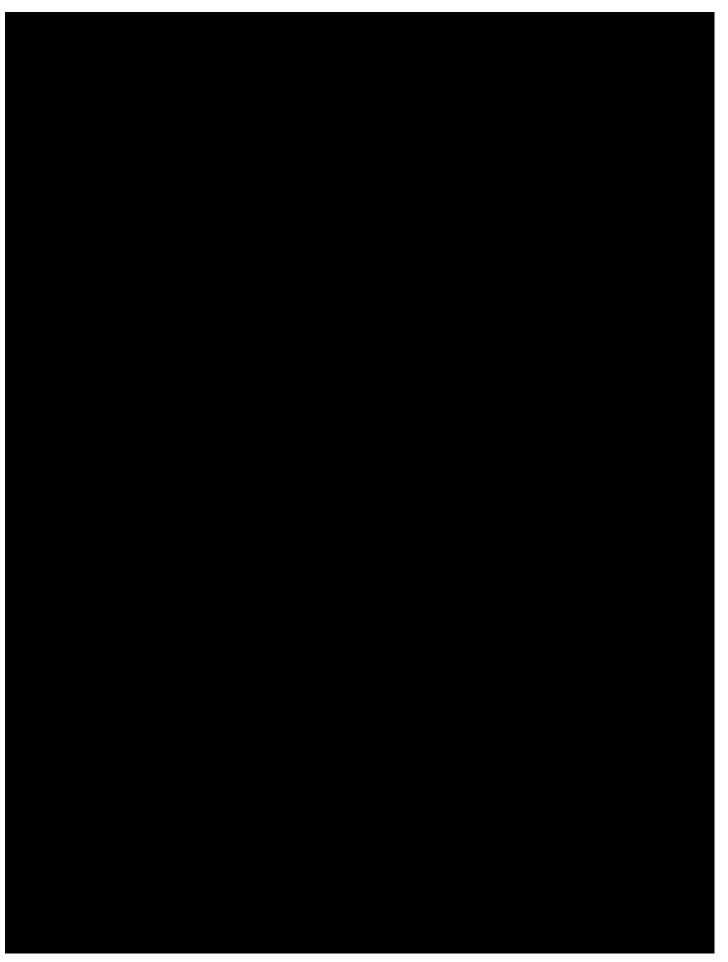


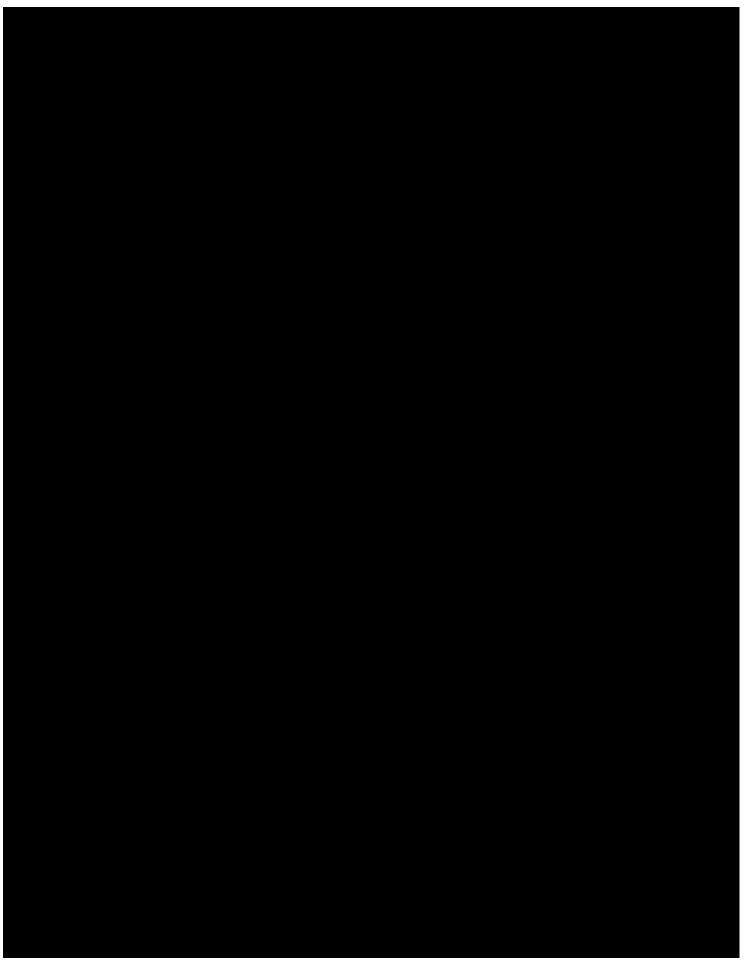












### Exhibit 14

### **ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 25 day of September. 1914, by and between METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY, a Pennsylvania corporation and PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY, a Pennsylvania corporation, collectively doing business as GPU ENERGY, and hereinafter called "Owner",

and

BELL ATLANTIC - PENNSYLVANIA, INC., a Pennsylvania corporation, hereinafter called "Licensee",

#### WITNESSETH:

\* WHEREAS, Owner operates and maintains an electric distribution system consisting of various pole lines, wires, guy wires, cables, lines, fibers, transformers and other related equipment and apparatus, extending in and through the various cities and communities in its franchised service area in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Licensee has requested Owner to permit it to attach its fiber optic and/or metallic/copper cable facilities to certain of Owner's poles outside of the Licensee's franchised service areas for Licensee's use to provide telecommunications services to and from various Pennsylvania locations; and

WHEREAS, it is agreed that the stringing of such cable facilities owned and maintained by a party for private purposes on electric poles clearly presents significant risk of damage to Owner's equipment and potentially preempts communication space on the poles which is often later needed for Owner's plant, both of which are undesirable from Owner's viewpoint; and

WHEREAS, Owner is willing to permit Licensee to attach its facilities to Owner's poles under certain terms and conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto, for themselves and their representatives do hereby covenant and agree, each with the other, as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

- 1. This Agreement provides for the attachment of Licensee's facilities, consisting of one (1) cable not to exceed a maximum aggregate diameter of more than two (2) inches, designated in "Exhibit A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, in Pennsylvania and to be used in providing telecommunications services to and from various locations.
- 2. Licensee, at any time, shall not make any additions to or changes in the location of its attachments, or perform overlashing of fiber optic cables or any additional cables/wires of any other type without the prior written consent of Owner; provided however, that in cases of emergency, Licensee may make such additions or changes upon verbal consent from Owner, which verbal consent shall become invalid unless Licensee confirms it in writing within Ten (10) days.
- Licensee may also from time to time make attachments to additional poles of Owner in accordance with the aforesaid specifications, by submitting further application in the form set forth in "Exhibit C", attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 4. Licensee covenants that it will provide, have and maintain sufficient shielding or other devices on its facilities attached to Owner's poles permitted herein to prevent interference damage with or to Owner's facilities and the facilities of others permitted by Owner to use said poles.

#### ARTICLE II

- 1. Subject to the default clause herein provided, this Agreement shall continue in force and effect for a period of One (1) year from and after the date hereof. In the event Licensee is not in default in the performance or observance of any of the covenants or provisions of this Agreement, this Agreement shall automatically renew from year to year after the end of the initial One (1) year period and until terminated by either party giving to the other written notice of termination at least Six (6) months in advance of the termination date specified in said notice.
- 2. Immediately after the termination of this Agreement as herein provided, Licensee shall proceed to remove its attachments from Owner's poles without undue delay and as Owner's needs may require, the maximum period of removal to be not more than thirty (30) days from the termination date, and any attachments not removed within that time shall become the property of Owner, or, at Owner's option,

removed by Owner at Licensee's expense and for its account. Bill for such expense incurred shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days of receipt.

3. Immediately after the removal of Licensee's attachments from Owner's poles, Licensee shall restore to Owner the space theretofore occupied by it on said poles in as good condition as when first occupied, reasonable wear and tear excepted; and, should any damage to Owner's poles or other property, or to the property of others permitted by Owner to use said poles, result from the removal of Licensee's attachments therefrom, Licensee shall forthwith, either repair such damage or compensate the party suffering such damage.

#### ARTICLE III

- 1. Owner reserves the right, in its exclusive discretion, to permit others to use said poles.
- 2. If in Owner's exclusive discretion, Licensee's attachment to said poles hereafter interferes in any respect with pre-existing attachments by Owner or others permitted by Owner, the Licensee shall, at its sole cost and expense and upon thirty (30) days prior written notice from Owner, move or change the location of said attachments or remove them entirely. Should Licensee fail to do so, Owner may do so and invoice Licensee for which payment thereof shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days of receipt.

#### ARTICLE IV

- 1. Said attachments are to be made on poles of Owner in a manner specified by Owner and so as not to interfere with the present and/or any future use (e.g., including but not limited to installation of a transformer, installation of a recloser or a rephasing of conductors) by Owner, or the present use other licensees, not parties to this agreement, have made of said poles with Owner's permission.
- 1a. Licensee's attachments shall be maintained at the sole risk and expense of Licensee, and at any time, upon written notice from Owner, Licensee shall change, alter, improve or renew its facilities in such manner as Owner may direct. Licensee shall perform such work at its own expense except in cases where the cause is due solely to changes, improvements or renewal of Owner's facilities (e.g., including but not limited to installation of a transformer, installation of a recloser or a rephasing of conductors) or where the cause is due solely to changes, improvements or renewal of facilities of licensees not parties to this agreement. Where either of these exceptions occur, Licensee's expenses for such work shall be paid by Owner or by the other licensee(s), not parties to this agreement, as applicable. Licensee shall change, alter, improve, renew and transfer its facilities at its own expense in routine pole replacements or pole replacements due to emergency situations (e.g., including but not limited to car/pole accidents, storm-related events).

- 2. Said attachments are to be installed and at all times maintained by Licensee strictly in accordance with Owner's standard practices and procedures and the provisions of the latest edition of the National Electrical Safety Code and/or any other applicable regulations or codes promulgated by the national, state, local or other governmental authority having jurisdiction thereover.
- Licensee agrees to take all additional necessary precautions as the circumstances may require and install protective equipment or take other reasonable means to protect all persons and property against injury or damage caused by Licensee's attachments.
- 4. Owner shall be the sole judge as to its requirements for the present and/or future use of its poles, attachments, facilities and equipment, and also of any interference therewith by Licensee, and shall also be the sole judge of whether or not Licensee's attachments comply with the codes, regulations and covenants aforesaid. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting or affecting any existing or future rights or privileges granted by Owner, by contract or otherwise, to others not parties to this Agreement, to use any poles covered by this Agreement; and Owner shall have the right to continue and extend such rights or privileges. The attachment privileges herein granted shall at all times be subject to such newly extended, existing and continued contracts and arrangements.

#### ARTICLE V

- 1. Licensee may also from time to time make attachments to additional poles of Owner, in accordance with the aforesaid specifications, by submitting a written application and receiving a license in the form set forth in "Exhibit C", attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 2. Whenever Licensee desires to make additional attachments to Owner's poles, Owner hereby grants permission to Licensee to engineer all new line extensions and any rebuild of existing facilities on Owner's poles for compliance with terms and conditions more fully described in herein.
- 3. For pole attachments where Licensee's engineering evaluation has determined that no make-ready work is required, Licensee shall submit Two (2) copies of "Exhibit C", attached hereto and made a part hereof, to Owner within Ten (10) days of making said attachment(s) to Owner's pole(s).
- 4. For pole attachments where Licensee's engineering evaluation has determined that make-ready work is required, Licensee shall submit Two (2) separate copies of "Exhibit C", attached hereto and made a part hereof, to Owner. Owner, through its own engineering evaluation, shall determine make-ready work costs and Owner shall notify Licensee in accordance with terms and conditions more fully described in Article V.6. Owner shall perform required make-ready work in a timely fashion after receiving

written notification and advance payment from Licensee. Owner shall notify Licensee when make-ready work has been completed and pole is ready for new attachment.

- 5. Owner reserves the right to revoke permission to Licensee to engineer all new line extensions and any rebuilds of existing facilities in its sole discretion. Upon termination of Licensee's engineering of all new line extensions and rebuilds, it is understood that Owner shall inspect and engineer all poles listed on Licensee's "Exhibit C" application form, attached hereto and made a part hereof, and Licensee shall reimburse Owner for all appropriate expenses and related overheads incurred by Owner in performing the inspection of its poles.
- 6. Whenever Owner determines that a pole which Licensee has applied to attach to in writing and said pole is deemed inadequate by Owner by reason of insufficient height or strength to accommodate the proposed attachment(s) of Licensee in addition to the existing attachment(s) of Owner and other licensees thereon, and said pole would have been sufficient in height and strength to accommodate the attachments of Owner and other licensees if Licensee's proposed attachment(s) were not on the pole. Owner shall replace said pole with a new pole of the necessary height and strength and/or shall make such other changes in the existing pole line in which said pole is included as the conditions may then require. Licensee shall reimburse Owner for all costs associated with such installations, replacements, guying relocations, transfers or other changes to Owner's facilities, equipment and material necessitated thereby, less the actual salvage value of any removed poles or other facilities that may, in Owner's sole discretion, be salvaged by Owner. Invoices for such costs shall be due and payable by Licensee within thirty (30) days of receipt. Also, Licensee, on demand, shall reimburse each owner of other facilities attached to said pole for any expense incurred by said owner in transferring or rearranging its facilities to accommodate Licensee's proposed attachments.
- 7. Licensee will be billed by Owner for any and all unauthorized attachments discovered by Owner in the amount of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars per unauthorized attachment and will be deemed liquidated damages due to Owner. All attachments discovered to have gone unreported in excess of ten (10) days will be deemed to be unauthorized.

#### ARTICLE VI

In the event that it becomes necessary in view of the specifications, rules, regulations or orders referred to in Article IV hereof to strengthen any such pole by guying in order to accommodate Licensee's attachments. Owner may at its option accept guying or bracing to be performed by Licensee with such

materials and in such manner as Owner may approve, or Owner may itself provide such guying or bracing in which event Licensee shall pay Owner the actual cost thereof.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

1. It is understood and agreed that the permission here given is a mere license and that Licensee hereby assumes any and all risk in connection with the exercise thereof and releases Owner from any claims for damage that may occur to Licensee's attachments, except if caused by the willful misconduct of the Owner. Licensee further agrees to indemnify, protect, defend and save harmless Owner from and against any and all claims, liability, cost, expense, loss and damage resulting from injury or damage to persons or property, including injuries to the employees or damage to the property of Owner, its successors, assigns and lessees, resulting directly or indirectly from, or incurred in connection with, the placing, presence, use, maintenance and removal of said attachments, wires and fixtures, except if caused by the willful misconduct of the Owner; and such loss shall include all costs, charges, expenses and attorney's fees reasonably incurred in connection with such injury or damage, and also any payments made by Owner to its injured employees, or to their relatives or representatives, in conformity with the provisions of any employers' liability or workmen's compensation act or acts. Licensee shall carry insurance to protect the parties hereto from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, judgments, costs, expenses and liabilities of every name and nature which may arise or result, directly or indirectly, from or by reason thereof. The minimum amounts of such insurance shall be:

Type of insurance	<u>Limits of Liability</u>
Worker's Compensation	Statutory
Employer's Liability	\$ 500,000 per occurrence
Comprehensive General Liability	
Bodily Injury	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Property Damage	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Endorsements Required	

Automobile Liability Insurance (owned, hired, non-owned)

Bodily Injury

\$1,000,000 per occurrence

Property Damage

\$1,000,000 per occurrence

2. Licensee shall name Owner as an additional insured under the above policy(s) and provide Owner with certificate(s) of insurance upon the execution of the Attachment Agreement. The above policy(s) issued to Licensee shall not be canceled or changed except after thirty (30) days written notice to Owner.

3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Licensee shall maintain the right to self-insure, subject to the amounts herein

#### ARTICLE VIII

Owner reserves the right to discontinue the use of, remove, replace or change the location of Owner's poles or Licensee's attachments thereto, and Licensee shall at its sole cost and expense, upon thirty (30) days' written notice by Owner, make such changes in or removal of its attachments as shall be required by any such action of Owner. Or if Licensee shall fail to do so, Owner shall have the right to remove and/or relocate Licensee's attachments and invoice Licensee as hereinbefore described.

#### ARTICLE IX

1. Whenever, in the opinion of Owner, Licensee's attachments interfere with the operations of the equipment of Owner or other licensees or constitute a hazard to the service rendered by Owner or other licensees or fail to be in compliance with the codes and/or regulations hereinbefore mentioned, the Licensee shall, upon written notice from Owner to Licensee of such interference, hazard or non-compliance, either immediately remove its attachments, or rearrange or change its attachments as directed by Owner, all at Licensee's sole cost and expense or upon failure to do so, Owner may perform such work at Licensee's expense and invoice Licensee as hereinbefore described.

2. In case of emergency, and upon failure of Licensee to respond to Owner's request to relocate its facilities. Owner reserves the right to remove or relocate the attachments of Licensee at Licensee's expense without notice, and no liability therefor shall be incurred by such action. Licensee may at any time abandon the use of a jointly used pole hereunder by giving written notice thereof to the Owner and immediately thereafter removing therefrom all of its attachments.

#### ARTICLE X

Owner shall not be required to secure any right, license or permit from any governmental body, authority or other person or persons which may be required for the construction or maintenance of said attachments of Licensee, and Owner does not hereby provide any easements, rights-of-way or franchise for the construction and maintenance of said attachments, all of which are the sole responsibility of Licensee. Licensee hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless Owner from any and all claims or liability resulting from or arising out of the failure of Licensee to secure such rights, licenses, permits or easements for the construction or maintenance of said attachments on Owner's poles.

#### ARTICLE XI

If Licensee shall fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Agreement, including the specifications hereinbefore referred to, or defaults in the payment of rentals or the performance of any of its obligations otherwise under this Agreement and shall fail within thirty (30) days after written notice from Owner to correct or diligently pursue correction of such defaults or non-compliance. Owner may, at its option, terminate this Agreement. In no case shall Owner be required to permit Licensee's efforts to correct such default(s) or non-compliance to extend more than sixty (60) days from such notice prior to termination.

#### ARTICLE XII

- 1. Licensee shall pay to Owner, upon execution of this Agreement, a license preparation and administration fee of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars.
- 2. Licensee agrees to pay to Owner an annual rental equal to Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per pole per year. Rental shall be paid based upon the number of poles to which Licensee has attached to any portion of Owner's poles at the time of annual billing. Said rental shall be payable in advance, the first payment to be made upon the execution of this Agreement. Each ensuing annual payment is to be made on the same date each year thereafter.
- 3. Owner's pole rental charge shall also include an annual increase of four percent (4%) per year for as long as this agreement shall remain in force.
- 4. Should the development of a regulated rental rate by the Federal Communications Commission, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission or any other governing agency occur during the term of this agreement, Owner's rental rate, described in Paragraph Two (2) above, shall be compared to the governing agency's regulated rate and the higher of the two rates shall be the applicable rate for successive annual rental periods during the remaining term of this agreement.

#### **ARTICLE XIII**

If one party hereto is obligated hereunder to perform certain work at its own expense and it is mutually agreed between the parties hereto that it is desirable for the other party to do the said work, then the said other party shall promptly do the work at the sole expense of the party originally obligated to perform the same. Bills for the expense incurred shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days of receipt.

#### ARTICLE XIV

In the event of a pole replacement, Owner may at its option, transfer Licensee's facilities for a charge to Licensee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per strand for performance of said transfer. If Owner opts to not perform such work, it shall notify Licensee and Licensee shall then be responsible to coordinate the transfer of its facilities with the Owner. If Licensee fails to do so and the absence of Licensee requires a return trip by Owner to remove the original pole, Licensee shall reimburse Owner for all costs associated with a return trip to the pole location, including premium wage rates, in order to remove the original pole or may, at Licensee's option, promptly perform such pole removal at its sole cost and expense. Owner shall not be liable for any loss or damage to Licensee's attachments or the system of which they may be a part, including the loss of, or interference with the service or use of said Attachments or system, by performance of any of the work in rearranging or transferring such Attachments.

#### ARTICLE XV

Licensee will not commit, nor will it suffer to be committed by others, any waste of Owner's property or the property of others permitted by Owner to use its poles, and Licensee covenants further that it will protect such property to the reasonable extent of its ability.

#### ARTICLE XVI

Any delay of Owner to give Licensee notice of its default in any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or Licensee's default in the performance of such provision.

#### ARTICLE XVII

Licensee shall not assign, transfer or sublet any of the rights hereby granted without first obtaining written consent from Owner which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

#### ARTICLE XVIII

 This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

2. If any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed, in duplicate, the day and year first above written.

Witness:

METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY and PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY, collectively doing business as GPU ENERGY

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Il Manager Development

Witness:

Title Manager-Budget/Right of Way

Special Projects

BELL ATLANTIC, - PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

Title Director-Facilities Management

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#### "EXHIBIT A"

## SCHEDULE OF EXISTING ATTACHMENTS MAINTAINED BY BELL ATLANTIC - PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

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## Exhibit 15

# TELECOMMUNICATION POLE AND ANCHOR ATTACHMENT LICENSE AGREEMENT

COMPANY: MCI COMMUNICATION SERVICES, INC.

DATE: October 1, 2009

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## TELECOMMUNICATION POLE AND ANCHOR ATTACHMENT LICENSE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, effective August 1, 2009, by and between the POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY, MONOGAHELA POWER COMPANY & WEST PENN POWER COMPANY dba ALLEGHENY POWER, (hereinafter referred to as "Owner") whose operations mailing address hereunder shall be 800 Cabin Hill Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601, and MCI COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC. (hereinafter referred to as "Licensee") whose mailing address hereunder shall be 2400 North Glenville, Richardson, TX 75082

#### WITNESETH:

WHEREAS, in connection with its business as an electric utility the Owner owns and uses poles and anchors upon various lands owned by it, or over which it has rights-of-way, to support wire lines and facilities for the sub-transmission and/or distribution of electricity;

WHEREAS, the Licensee desires to use, from time to time, certain of the Owner's said poles and anchors for the purpose of supporting cable facilities and other appurtenances and equipment of the Licensee necessary thereto for use in furnishing fiber-optic services of the Licensee; and

WHEREAS, the Owner is willing to permit to the extent that it may lawfully do so, the attachment to its said poles and anchors of such line and/or cable facilities and other appurtenances and equipment of the Licensee necessary in the providing fiber-optic services of the Licensee to others and upon the conditions hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, for mutual valuable consideration, it is hereby agreed as follows:

#### 1. Term

This Agreement shall become effective on the date set forth above and, if not terminated previously in accordance with the provisions hereof, shall continue in effect for a term of ten (10) years from date hereof and thereafter until terminated by either party as set out in Section 23.

#### 2. Operations Area

The Owner hereby grants to the Licensee during the term hereof the nonexclusive right to attach to the poles and anchors of the Owner in the municipalities and/or areas in which Owner provides its services upon compliance by the Licensee with the conditions hereof, cable and/or other cable facilities of the Licensee and appurtenances necessary thereto.



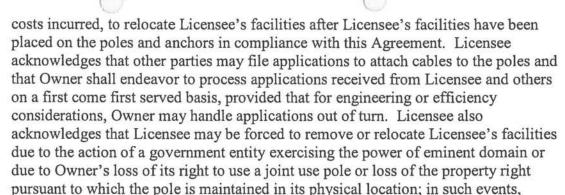
Whenever the Licensee shall desire to attach to any pole and/or anchor of the Owner any lines and/or appurtenances necessary thereto, the Licensee shall so request of the Owner in writing, at its office Allegheny Power, Regulated Billing, 800 Cabin Hill Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601. Such request shall be in the form of Exhibit A, attached hereto as a part hereof, shall be accompanied by such drawings similar to detail pole attachment data sheet, Exhibit AD-1, location, type and size, and the Owner's identifying number, of each pole to which attachment is desired, the kinds and number of lines proposed to be attached thereon, amount of space to be occupied and the manner of attachment of each. Within ten (10) business days following receipt of any such request, or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible, the Owner shall notify the Licensee in writing as to whether such request shall be, in the Owner's sole discretion, granted or denied. Incomplete or inaccurate applications shall be returned to Applicant for correction and resubmission. No attachment to a pole or anchor of the Owner's shall be made by the Licensee without prior written approval of the Owner. All expenses incurred by the Owner in reviewing Licensee's request for an attachment shall be borne by the Licensee, via rate calculations, even if such attachment request is denied by Owner.

#### 4. Licensee's Responsibility

No right of use, however granted, of the poles or payment of any fees or charges required under this Agreement will create or vest in the Licensee any ownership or property right in the poles. Nothing in this Agreement will be construed in any way as indicating that Owner has conveyed to Licensee any ownership or property right in the poles and anchors. Notwithstanding the attachment of the cable or other facilities to the poles and anchors, Licensee will continue to be the owner of such facilities, and Licensee shall repair, maintain and remove its cable facilities under the terms and conditions specified in this Agreement. Along with the first application filed with respect to each political jurisdiction in which the subject poles are located, Licensee shall submit as requested by Owner appropriate documentation demonstrating that Licensee possesses a permit, franchise, necessary rights-of-way or easements or other right to place its facilities within private property or the public rights-of-way within that jurisdiction. Such documentation shall demonstrate that the rights held by Licensee are appropriate for Licensee's intended use of the cable.

#### 5. Other Users.

Nothing in this Agreement will be construed as affecting any rights previously conferred by Owner by agreement to others to make attachment to the poles and anchors (including but not limited to joint use or joint ownership agreements), and Owner (and in some cases such joint user or joint owner) will continue to have all rights which it now possesses to grant such rights, provided that Owner or such joint user or joint owner shall not grant to any third party contractual rights that would entitle such third party to force Licensee to remove or, without reimbursement of



Owner shall not be responsible to Licensee for any of the costs or damages incurred

#### 6. Permitted Use

by Licensee.

Licensee will use the facilities attached to the poles and anchors solely for the purpose of a communications system, which may encompass cable television, internet services, telecommunications, data information services and all other forms of cable communications. If Licensee specifies in its application that it will use its facilities solely to provide cable television services, and if Licensee later uses any portion of its facilities for any other purpose, Licensee shall immediately notify Owner of the nature of such additional use and the date of commencement of such additional use. Upon commencement of such additional use of the facilities on all or any of the poles licensed hereunder, the rate used to calculate the license fee payable under this Agreement shall be increased to the highest rate applicable to any of the categories of use specified by Licensee as having been commenced by Licensee. The poles are and will continue to be used, operated, and maintained primarily for the purposes of Owner, and Licensee's use will be secondary, but Owner shall not disturb Licensee's facilities or use of the poles and anchors except to the extent authorized in this Agreement.

#### 7. Attachment Space

#### (a) Poles and Anchors

Not more than twelve (12) inches of the length of any pole side shall be occupied by the attachment of each line thereto by the Licensee. In the event the Licensee desires to occupy more than twelve (12) inches of any pole side by attachment hereunder, specific written permission for such additional occupancy shall be first obtained from the Owner. Should Licensee occupy more than twelve (12) inches of space on any of Owner's poles, the Licensee hereby agrees to pay additional rent for the additional space occupied. The additional rental for the additional space shall be calculated as provided herein. Attachments to Owner's anchor rods shall be made directly to a vacant anchor eye position or with direct rod auxiliary eye attachment.



#### (b) Specifications

All attachments licensed hereunder shall be made, and all such attachments and all lines so attached shall be maintained, by the Licensee in conformity with the minimum clearance and other requirements of the National Electric Safety Code, the requirements, rules and regulations of the Owner and all laws and governmental regulations, in effect from time to time, and in such manner as not to interfere, in the opinion of the Owner, with the use, operation or maintenance of, or endanger, lines or other facilities attached to, or in the vicinity of, poles of the Owner. The expense of any change in or to other facilities, either new or existing facilities, in the opinion of the Owner necessary to accommodate attachments of the Licensee hereunder, shall be borne by the Licensee.

All attachments of Licensee will be placed within the space and at the location approved by the Owner. All attachments of Licensee will be placed within the communications space on the pole unless otherwise authorized by Owner, which authorization may be withheld at Owner's sole and absolute discretion.

#### (c) Owner Warranty

Owner does not warrant that poles or anchors covered hereunder are of any particular quality or strength or that such poles or anchors are suitable to support the Licensee's facilities, employees, agents or subcontractors. It is the Licensee's sole responsibility to insure that the requirements of the National Electrical Safety Code and all applicable laws and governmental regulations are met with respect to the attachments of the Licensee's facilities recognizing the Owner's and other licensee's (s') facilities currently on the pole or anchor.

#### (d) Licensee Breach of Contract

In the event the Licensee, in the opinion of the Owner, fails to make or maintain any such attachments, or fails to maintain any lines or facilities so attached, as required herein, and if within fifteen (15) days after receipt by the Licensee of written notice of such failure from the Owner the Licensee has not corrected the same to the satisfaction of the Owner, the Owner shall have the right, at the Licensee's expense, to make the necessary corrections or remove such lines and attachments thereof, from the Owner's poles, anchors and rights-of-way.

#### (e) Inspection of Licensee's facilities

From time to time the Owner, at its election and at the Licensee's expense, may inspect any facilities of the Licensee attached to poles and anchors of the Owner and the attachments thereof. Licensee shall be provided a fifteen (15) day written notice of such inspection and will be requested of accompany the Owner's inspector. Such reimbursement shall be actual expenses plus overheads and will not exceed in any year the total expense of one field inspection of the Licensee's entire line. The making of, or the failure to make, any such inspections by the Owner shall not operate to relieve the Licensee of any liability or obligation imposed upon the Licensee by this Agreement or otherwise.



#### 8. Permit Revocation

In the event of a change in circumstance beyond its control, Owner reserves the right to revoke any permit for any attachment when it, in its sole judgment and discretion, determines that such attachment may interfere with its own service requirements, including considerations of economy, safety and when Licensee has failed to obtain necessary permits or rights of way to place its facilities within or access private property or public rights of way.

#### 9. Owner Liability

Neither Owner nor any other user of the poles and anchors will be liable to Licensee for any loss of revenues or other consequential damages arising our of interruption of Licensee's communications system resulting from any damage to Licensee's cable or facilities arising in any manner whatsoever. With respect to any such interruptions, Licensee specifically waives any claim against Owner or any other user of the poles or anchors for consequential damages or loss of profits, irrespective and any fault failure, negligence or alleged negligence on the part of Owner or any other user of the pole and anchors. Licensee also waives any claim against Owner for the cost of repairing physical damage to Licensee's cable or facilities caused in whole or in part by the actions for Owner or its employees, contractors or agents or any other user of the poles and anchors, including negligent actions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Licensee does not waive and right to pursue a claim for Owners' cost of repairing and damage to Licensee's cable or facilities caused by grossly negligent or intentionally wrongful acts of Owner or its employees, contractors or agents or any other user of the poles and anchors.

#### 10. Transfer of Licensee's facilities by Owner

In the event of any emergency or non-emergency which, in the opinion of the Owner, affects or threatens to affect the operations of the Owner, the Owner shall have the right to perform such detachment, disconnection, relocation, transfer or removal, at the Licensee's payment of Owner's actual costs, with minimum charge of \$50.00 per pole location, of lines or facilities of the Licensee attached to poles or anchors of the Owner as, in the opinion of the Owner, may be necessary to meet such emergency or non-emergency situation.

#### 11. Owner's Right

The Owner reserves the right to alter, replace, relocate, remove or abandon, from time to time, any of its poles, anchors or facilities, in which event, upon thirty (30) days written request of the Owner, the Licensee shall, at its expense, alter, relocate or remove its facilities attached thereto or otherwise affected thereby as the Owner may direct.

#### 12. Removal of Attachments by Licensee

Within ten (10) days following the end of each calendar month, the Licensee shall notify the Owner, in writing, of the removal of any attachments occurring during such month, in the form of Exhibit A, attached hereto as a part hereof.

#### 13. Attachment

#### (a) Rates

For the rights herein granted, but not later than January 31 and July 31 of each calendar year, the Licensee shall pay semi-annual rental to the Owner for each pole and anchor upon which an attachment was made and authorized as of most recent December 31 and June 30, respectively, Said semi-annual rental rate shall be one-half (1/2) of the annual rate which is subject to adjustments and shall be effective within thirty (30) days advance written notice to Licensee. The current 2009 annual rental rate for each pole in PA is \$34.45; MP is \$34.15; MD is \$26.59; MP WV is \$34.18; PE WV is \$19.58 and each anchor is \$5.00. For any occupancy by the Licensee of a pole of the Owner greater than twelve (12) inches there shall be an additional charge for each additional 12-inch occupancy or any part thereof at a rate equal to the initial 12-inch attachment rate provided for by this section. (2010 annual rates are: \$33.90-PA; \$34.06-MPWV; \$21.34-PEWV; \$18.31-MD; \$16.24-VA)

#### (b) Rental Adjustments

Owner has the right to adjust pole and anchor rental rates at any time in accordance with the maximum lawful rate permitted by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the rules and/or regulations of the FCC or any other law or rules and regulations of a governing body having jurisdiction over pole or anchor attachment rates, as the same may provide from time to time. Notification of such rental adjustment will be mailed to the Licensee at least sixty (60) days prior to implementation of such revised rental rates.

#### (c) Invoice Payments

The rental rate and any other charges provided for by this Agreement, shall be due and payable twenty (20) days following the mailing of an invoice by the Owner to the Licensee. Should, however, the rental or any part thereof or other charge as invoiced not be paid within the twenty (20) day period and remain unpaid for an additional ten (10) day period, the Owner shall be entitled to and the Licensee shall be liable for a finance charge of 1 ½% per month on any unpaid balance until paid.

#### 14. Make Ready Work

Licensee shall submit with each application a survey of the subject poles and anchors indicating the make-ready work ("Make Ready Work") that Licensee believes must be completed to cause the poles to be ready to accept the installation of Licensee's facilities in compliance with this Agreement. Owner shall review the survey, prepare

a final list of the Make Ready Work needed, and deliver same to Licensee along with an estimated statement of the charges that Licensee will be required to pay Owner for Owner's performance of the Make Ready Work. Licensee may accept that proposal by giving Owner written notice authorizing the performance of the Make Ready Work and delivering along with such notice payment of the stated charges. Owner shall invoice Licensee for the actual cost balance of the stated charges, and the cost of any changes agreed upon during the course of the work, upon completion of the Make Ready Work, and Licensee shall pay such invoice within thirty (30) days. If the Make Ready Work involves the moving, alteration or protection of facilities of third parties already installed on the poles, Licensee shall bear the cost of such work, including all costs incurred by such third parties.

#### 15. Attachment Identification Tags

Following Owner's grant of Licensee's application for attachment and Owner's completion of the Make Ready Work, Licensee may attach its facilities in compliance with the plans, specifications and methods and procedures contained in or produced pursuant to this Agreement. Licensee shall coordinate the scheduling of all such installation work with Owner. Licensee shall perform such work using only personnel who have received training at least equivalent to that received by Owner's personnel who perform equivalent work. Licensee shall obtain Owner's approval, not be unreasonably withheld, of all contractors and subcontractors that will be used by Licensee to perform any such work, and the personnel of such contractors and subcontractors must have received training at least equivalent to that received by Owner's personnel who perform equivalent work. Licensee shall take all appropriate precautions to protect all persons and property in proximity to the work against injury or damage occurring by reason of the performance of the work or by reason of the presence of Licensee's facilities on the poles. Licensee shall at Licensee's expense cause all of Licensee's facilities to be tagged in the field with weather resistant identification tags having specifications approved by Owner, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld. Cable and anchor guy wire at each pole location shall be contained within identifiable wire sleeves. If Licensee fails to so identify Licensee's facilities, and such failure continues for more than thirty (30) days after notice, Owner may install such identification tags and sleeves at the expense of Licensee, and Licensee shall reimburse Owner for such cost incurred within thirty (30) days after receipt of an invoice.

#### 16. Abandonment of Poles

Owner may elect to abandon or to remove the poles at any time, provided that, except in the event of a casualty, Owner shall give Licensee at least sixty (60) days notice of any such abandonment or removal. Licensee can purchase pole and/or anchor via "Bill of Sale" Agreement provided by Owner.

#### 17. No Alterations by Licensee

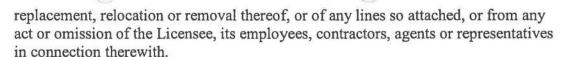
Licensee shall not, at any time, make any changes in the location of the attachments on the poles or to other Licensee facilities within Owner's right-of-way area without Owner's written consent, except in cases of emergency, in which case oral permission must first be obtained and confirmed in writing by Licensee within five (5) days.

#### 18. Unauthorized Attachments

In the event that Licensee facilities are attached to any pole or anchor for which an application has not been submitted and approved as described above in Paragraph 3, each such attachment shall be referred to herein as an "Unauthorized Attachment". Owner may give notice to Licensee, identifying any Unauthorized Attachments identified by Owner. Licensee shall within sixty (60) days thereafter either remove such Unauthorized Attachments in compliance with the relevant attachment removal provisions of this Agreement or shall submit to Owner an application pursuant to Paragraph 3 seeking permission to maintain such Unauthorized Attachment as an authorized attachment in compliance with this Agreement. Such application shall include a survey of Make Ready Work or other corrective actions required to render such attachments in compliance with all standards and specifications applicable this Agreement. Regardless of whether Licensee removes or makes legitimate an Unauthorized Attachment, Licensee shall pay to Owner an Unauthorized Attachment Fee for the period of unauthorized attachment that shall be calculated as the sum of (a) Fifty Dollars (\$50) plus (b) back rental amount for five (5) years, to date of last inspection or to pole installation date, whichever is later, or Licensee reasonably proves with appropriate documentation that the Unauthorized Attachment commenced at a later date. Such fee shall be paid by Licensee within thirty (30) days after invoice. Owner and Licensee agree that Owner will be damaged by the presence of Unauthorized Attachments, some of which may jeopardize the physical integrity of Owner's poles and anchor and render it more difficult and more expensive for Owner to perform its primary function of providing electrical service. Because it would be difficult and time consuming to calculate precisely the amount of Owner's damages, the parties have agreed that the foregoing Unauthorized Attachment Fee represents a reasonable estimate of Owner's damages and such amount shall be paid as liquidated damages.

#### 19. Indemnity by Licensee

The Licensee shall save harmless and indemnify, and if requested, defend, the Owner from and against all cost, awards, losses, damages, settlements, injuries and deaths (including attorneys' fees) occurring to any person or property, including any employee and property of the Owner and any contractor and subcontractor, and from and against all claims therefore, resulting in whole or in part from any attachment hereunder, or from the maintenance, repair, presence, use, operation, alteration,



#### 20. Insurance

Prior to making any attachment hereunder and for the term of this Agreement, the Licensee (and all its subcontractors) shall, at their expense, procure, and thereafter keep in effect the following insurance for the protection of themselves and Owner Form and against any and all liability suits, workers' Compensation claims, demands, judgments, costs, and expenses of any nature, which may arise or result directly or indirectly from any attachment of its facilities on Owner's poles.

- (1) Workers' Compensation sufficient to comply fully with the requirements and coverage specified by laws of jurisdiction in which the Licensee's pole attachments are located.
- (2) Commercial General Liability Insurance providing limits of not less than \$3,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and death and for property damage and including coverage for contractual Liability and Products-Completed Operations
- (3) Comprehensive Auto Liability (including owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles) providing limits of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence.
- (4) Such other specific insurances as determined by Owner to be appropriate for this Agreement.

Licensee shall have owner added as an additional insured on the policies of insurance and Furnish Owner, Attention: Event Risk Management, 800 Cabin Hill Drive, Greensburg, Pa. 15601 with certificates of insurance companies showing such insurance to be in effect and the expiration dates and agreeing to give thirty (30) days notice to Owner in advance of any material change in or cancellation of such insurances.

Licensee shall cause its contractors and subcontractors to maintain the insurance listed above at all times during performance of work associated with this License and is solely responsible for maintaining proof of such insurance coverage

#### 21. Bond Requi nent PUBLIC VERSION

Prior to making any attachment hereunder the Licensee shall provide, and shall thereafter keep in effect during the continuation of any such attachments, a financial security, acceptable to the Owner, in the principal amount of \$50,000 to guarantee payment to the Owner of sums due it hereunder for rentals, inspections, work performed for the benefit of the Licensee, removal of attachments upon termination hereof, or any other proper charge, and said bond shall provide for the giving of not less than thirty (30) days' written notice to the Owner in advance of any change in, or cancellation of, such bond. The financial security shall be in the form of a bond, irrevocable Letter of Credit, or other security as deemed acceptable by Verizon, such instrument shall be issued by a surety company or bank satisfactory to Verizon and shall guarantee the payment of any sums that may become due to Verizon. The security must be in full force and in effect for the term of the contract. If the security is non-renewed or cancelled, alternate security must be in place prior to the expiration date of the prior security.

#### 22. Notices

All notices under this agreement shall be in writing and sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by commercial overnight delivery service, to the addresses set forth below or to such other address subsequently established by notice:

To Owner: Allegheny Power

Attn: Real Estate Dept. 800 Cabin Hill Drive Greensburg, PA 15601

To Licensee: MCI Communications Services, Inc.

2400 North Glenville Dr. Richardson, TX 75082

#### 23. Termination

Except as herein otherwise provided, this agreement may be terminated by either party at the end of the tenth (10) calendar year following the year in which this agreement becomes effective, or at the end of any month thereafter, by the giving of written notice to the other party to such effect not less than one year prior to such termination.

#### 24. Default of Performance

In the event the Licensee shall default in the performance of any of its obligations hereunder, and shall fail to remedy such default within thirty (30) days after notice thereof from the Owner, in addition to any other actions authorized herein the Owner may, (a) upon ten (10) days' prior written notice, require immediate removal of any attachments, lines and appurtenance of the Licensee involved in such default or (b) upon sixty (60) days' prior written notice terminate said agreement. Termination shall not eliminate a party of liabilities or obligations that accrued prior to the termination.

#### 25 Removal

All attachments, lines and appurtenances of the Licensee shall be removed by not later than the effective date of any termination hereof. In the event the Licensee fails to remove its attachments, lines and appurtenances as required herein, the Owner may remove the same from its poles, anchors and rights-of-way at the expense of the Licensee.

#### 26. Prior Agreements

This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, superseding all prior communications and agreements, whether written or oral, and it may not be modified or amended, nor may any obligation of either party be changed or modified, except in writing signed by the duly authorized officers or agents of the party against which enforcement of modifications is sought.

#### 27. Assignment

The Licensee shall not assign this Agreement or any part thereof, without the prior written consent of the Owner, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

#### 28. Partial Invalidity.

If any portion of this agreement is declared invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the balance of the agreement shall remain in full force and effect and the stricken provision shall be replaced by a similar provision drafted to be as close as possible the stricken provision yet remain legally valid and enforceable.

#### 29. Pole Loading Calculations

Licensee is responsible for determining if, in accordance with requirements of the National Electric Safety Code, the existing Owner's facilities will support the additional loading imposed by the Licensee's attachment.

Licensee is responsible for any and all costs incurred to improve existing Owner's facilities to provide the minimum clearances and/or support the additional loading imposed by the Licensee's attachment.





IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Licensor and Licensee have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the Effective Date.

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ATTN DEBBIE BARUM VERIZON INC

Invoice No.

90627752

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1	Pole Attach Telephone Attention: Ms. Debbie Delia	3,752.000	
	Annual Billing for Pole attachments for Agreement 3/17/1972 and Memorandum of Understanding da August 2009.		
	CIN 11008		
	Invoice Period: January 1, 2018 through December 2018	er 31,	
	Total poles: 12,991 Met-Ed Poles: 10,897 Verizon Poles: 2,094		
	Telco Share per contract: 5,846 Deficiency: 3,752		
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	Written correspondence may be mailed to:	Questions regarding this	
	Business Services	invoice may be directed	
##	Met-Ed	Accounts Receivable:	
	PO Box 16001 2800 Pottsville Pike		
	Reading PA 19612	1-610-921-6927	



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	Invoice Period: January 1, 2018 through December	er 31,	
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	Total Poles: 64,836		
	Met-Ed Poles: 51,864		
	Verizon Poles: 12,972		
	Telco share per contract: 29,176		
	Deficiency: 16,204		
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1	Pole Attach Telephone	9,464.000	
	Attention: Ms. Debbie Delia		
	Annual billing for pole attachments for Agreement	Dated	
	9/28/1973 and the Memorandum of Understanding	dated	
	August 2009.		
	CIN 11001		
	Invoice Period: Janaury 1, 2018 through December	31,	
	2018		
	Total Poles: 31,582		
	Met-Ed Poles: 26,834		
	Verizon Poles: 4,748		
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	Pole Attach Telephone	12,015.000	
	Attention: Ms. Theresa Baker		
	Annual billing for Pole Attachments for the Agree	ment	
	dated 9/28/1973 and the Memorandum of Under	standing	
	dated August 2009.		
	CIN 11002		
	Invoice Period: January 1, 2018 through Decemb	er 31,	
	2018		
	Total Poles: 49,155		
	Met-Ed Poles: 39,050		
	Verizon Poles: 10,105		
	Telco Share per contract: 22,120		
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	Annual billing for Pole Attachments for Agreement of	lated	
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	August 2009.		
	CIN 11007		
	Invoice Period: January 1, 2018 through December	31,	
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	Total Poles: 884		
	Met-Ed Poles: 776		
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1026 HAY ST

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ATTN DEBBIE BARUM VERIZON OF

Invoice No.

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DEBBIE BARUM

1026 HAY ST

PITTSBURGH PA 15221

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2	FEC Pole Attachment	43,6	17.000	
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**Questions?** Call:

888-222-6082

OR

SHELLY MAHER at 330-740-7717

Description

BILLING TO WPP 01--01-2018-12/31/2018 7,416 ATTACHMENTS @ DISTRICT

SHARON, NEW CASTLE

**Charge Description** 

01/01/2018----12/31/2018

Amount

Total Amount Due By 04/24/19 A late payment charge may apply.

Please write the bill number on your check. Mail bottom stub with your payment to address below. In the event your check for payment of your Verizon Communications Bill is returned by your bank for insufficient or uncollected funds, Verizon may resubmit your check electronically to your bank for payment from your checking account.

**Special Projects** 

Bill Number P30S500000319

**Billing** 

**Total Amount Due** Please pay By 04/24/19

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AKRON OH 44313-6912

Verizon P.O. BOX 4861

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# Exhibit 17

William J. Balcerski Assistant General Counsel



VC54N070A One Verizon Way Basking Ridge, NJ 07920-1025

Phone 908 559-5560 Fax 908-766-8264 william.j.balcerski@verizon.com

April 30, 2012

Michael G. Wolfe, Esq. FirstEnergy Corp. - Metropolitan Edison 2800 Pottsville Pike Box 16001 Reading, Pa. 19612

### RE: Verizon Request to Purchase FirstEnergy-Metropolitan Edison Joint Use Poles

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

For over two years, Verizon has sought to purchase Met-Ed joint use poles in accordance with the terms of our companies' Joint Use Agreements. These agreements are as follows:

- 1. Met-Ed and Bell Telephone (now Verizon Pennsylvania) executed on September 28, 1973; amended on June 1, 2009
- 2. Met-Ed and Continental Telephone (now Verizon North) executed on March 17, 1972; amended on December 10, 1974 and June 1, 2009
- 3. Met-Ed and Quaker State Telephone (Verizon North) executed on January 8, 1971; amended on December 10, 1974 and June 1, 2009
- 4. Met-Ed and Bethel and Mt. Aetna Telephone (Verizon North) executed on January 1, 1968; amended on May 20, 1974 and June 1, 2009
- 5. Met-Ed and York Telephone (Verizon North) executed on May 22, 1967; amended January 1, 1974 and June 1, 2009.

There are provisions in each of these agreements that specify that the "ratio of ownership of the total number of joint use poles shall be considered balanced when the ratio of pole ownership attained is 55% - Met-Ed and 45% - Telephone." If that ratio is not maintained, the party that owns less than the requisite number of poles must make a deficiency payment to the other party. Currently, Verizon Pennsylvania owns only 18% of the Joint Use poles and Verizon North only owns 19%. As a result, in accordance with the terms of the contract, Verizon has been forced to make deficiency payments to Met-Ed. In 2011, the payments totaled Verizon would not have to make these payments if Met-Ed sold poles to Verizon as required by the terms of the Joint Use Agreement.

All of the joint use agreements have a provision that grants each party the right to purchase poles from the other party in an attempt to balance joint ownership at the 55/45 ratio. Despite our repeated demands, Met-Ed has refused to sell Verizon any poles without good cause. Verizon is seeking to purchase a total of 41,633 joint use poles, spread out among the five following joint use agreements as follows:

District	ST	COMPANY NAME	Total JU Poles	Met-Ed Poles	VZ Poles	Telco Share per contract	2012 # of Poles Def. to Purchase
₽A	PA	GPU METED - Eastern - 11002 (deficiency)	49,164	39,067	10,097	22,123	12,026
WPA - fBA	PA	GPU METED - Central - 11001 (deficiency)	31,566	26,819	4,747	14,204	9,457
WPA -fGTE	PA	GPU METED - Quaker - 11008 (deficiency)	12,989	10,897	2,092	5,845	3,759
WPA -fGTE	PA	GPU METED - Contel - 11007 (deficiency)	885	779	106	398	292
WPA -IGTE	PA	GPU METED - Verizon North - 11011(deficiency)	64,544	51,599	12,945	29,044	16,099

159,148 129,161 29,987 71,614 41,633

Verizon has offered to facilitate the purchase of the joint use poles by using the same Pole Sale Process that has been used in the past for purchasing joint use poles. To date, Met-Ed has refused to sell Verizon these poles.

While Verizon would prefer to purchase the poles to achieve the 55/45 ratio set forth in the Joint Use Agreements, Verizon is also willing to entertain renegotiation of the rental fee associated with the deficiency payments set forth in the Agreements. The current rental fees were established in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was negotiated and executed on June 1, 2009. However, we believe that the rate that Verizon currently pays per pole) is not just and reasonable and far in excess of the rate that Met-Ed may charge under the rules established by the FCC in its April 7, 2011 Order.

At this time, Verizon cannot determine whether the rates, terms and conditions of our Joint Use Agreements are comparable to the rates, terms and conditions offered to our competitors. To facilitate that analysis, we request that Met-Ed provide us with copies of the agreements that are offered to telecommunications carriers and cable operators that operate in the same territories as Verizon. I would point out that the FCC in its Order indicated that it expects that electric utilities will provide copies of these agreements to incumbent LECs to facilitate discussions between the parties. Without this information, Verizon cannot determine what is the appropriate rate that it should pay for attachments to Met-Ed poles but we believe that it is certainly far less than the rate that we are currently paying and most likely would be somewhere in the range of \$5.30 to \$12.10 per pole.

Please let me know if Met-Ed is willing to either: (1) sell Verizon the poles discussed above pursuant to the provisions of the joint use agreements or, (2) in the alternative, reduce the rental fees. If Verizon and Met-Ed cannot reach an amicable solution, Verizon reserves the right to file a complaint with the FCC and take such other action as may be appropriate, including reducing the deficiency payments. We hope that this will not be necessary.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Norm Parrish of Verizon has been working with Met-Ed representatives on this issue and is ready to work with them to resolve this matter quickly and fairly.

Very truly yours,

William Salcarda (

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# Exhibit 18

From: Parrish, Norman L

**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2012 3:03 PM **To:** sschafer@firstenergycorp.com

**Cc:** Slavin, James <james.slavin@one.verizon.com>; Bachmore, John J <john.j.bachmore@one.verizon.com>; Snyder, Joseph A <joseph.a.snyder@one.verizon.com>; Dennin JR, R C (Ray) <r.c.dennin.jr@one.verizon.com>; Balcerski, William

J <william.j.balcerski@one.verizon.com> **Subject:** FW: Verizon/Met-Ed Joint Use

Steve,

Your legal counsel has recommend that the business leaders get together to discuss Verizon's request as outline in the attached letter. Verizon is willing to participate in a meeting to discuss Verizon's request, but I'm confused by First Energy demand for Verizon to "set and maintain more poles than is current practice" in order to entertain Verizon's request to purchase joint use poles. Such a demand to arbitrarily set more poles is not a requirement in our joint use agreement, and Verizon already maintains its poles and will continue to do so.

Before we meet, I wanted to clarify Verizon's position so that there is no ambiguity. Verizon will no longer pay the unreasonable penalty rate that we are being charged if Met-Ed refuses to sell Verizon joint use poles so that Verizon can achieve parity as specified in the joint use agreement. Verizon has been requesting to purchase poles from Met-Ed for several years to create "parity status" in our joint use agreement. From the inception of these joint use agreements, Verizon and Met-Ed were never at "parity", which means from the beginning Verizon has been forced to pay the deficiency payments to Met-Ed. In fact, the gap in parity is so great that normal daily joint use pole sets (where either party would have the opportunity to recover their capital pole investment) would not reduce the parity deficiency that currently exists.

Verizon is willing to resolve this issue amiably, and have provided an alternative solution for Met-Ed as outlined in the attached letter. Is Met-Ed willing to meet with Verizon on September 20, 2010? I can make arrangements to have the meeting at Verizon's Engineering Office 180 Sheree Boulevard Suite Exton, Pa. 19341. Please advise. Thanks.

Regards,

Norman L. Parrish Manager - Network Engineering 180 Sheree Boulevard Suite 2100 Exton, Pa 19341 (610)-280-2152

From: Balcerski, William J

**Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2012 3:41 PM

To: Parrish, Norman L

Subject: FW: Verizon/Met-Ed Joint Use

William J. Balcerski Assistant General Counsel VC54N070A One Verizon Way Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920-1097 908-559-5560

908-766-8264 (fax)

**From:** mwolfe@firstenergycorp.com [mailto:mwolfe@firstenergycorp.com]

Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 2:37 PM

To: Balcerski, William J

**Cc:** <u>sschafer@firstenergycorp.com</u> **Subject:** RE: Verizon/Met-Ed Joint Use

Bill, we met internally late last week and have a couple follow on calls to make. In the meantime, my recommendation would be for Norm Parrish to reach out to Steve Schafer to set up a meeting between the appropriate business/operating folks within our two companies and determine if these issues can be resolved. In that regard it would be helpful for Norm to provide in advance his 'going forward' plan, which Steve had requested when they last spoke, directed at having Verizon set and maintain more poles than is current practice. After such meeting[s], if they are unable to reach resolution, we could get involved as necessary. Please let me know your thoughts. Mike

Our internal meeting has been rescheduled three times due to storms. Currently scheduled for next week.

From: "Balcerski, William J" <<u>william.j.balcerski@verizon.com</u>>
To: "mwolfe@firstenergycorp.com" <mwolfe@firstenergycorp.com>

Date: 07/27/2012 02:59 PM Subject: RE: Verizon/Met-Ed Joint Use

#### Where does this stand?

William J. Balcerski Assistant General Counsel VC54N070A One Verizon Way Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920-1097 908-559-5560 908-766-8264 (fax)

**From:** mwolfe@firstenergycorp.com [mailto:mwolfe@firstenergycorp.com]

**Sent:** Friday, June 01, 2012 5:16 PM

To: Balcerski, William J

Subject: Verizon/Met-Ed Joint Use

# Exhibit 19

From: Parrish, Norman L

Sent: Monday, September 10, 2012 4:43 PM

To: 'lchapman@firstenergycorp.com'

Cc: 'sschafer@firstenergycorp.com'; 'dhawk@firstenergycorp.com'; 'kpatrick@firstenergycorp.com'; 'Parrish, Norman L

**Subject:** RE: Met-Ed and Penelec Rate Calculations

Len,

Although the PENELEC agreement calculation is computed correctly as specified in the MOU between Verizon and First Energy PENELEC, Verizon cannot determine whether the PENELEC rates, terms and conditions of our Joint Use Agreements are comparable to the rates, terms and conditions offered to our competitors. We believe that the rate that Verizon currently pays is in excess of the rate that PENELEC may charge under the rules established by the FCC in its April 7, 2011 Order. Accordingly, Verizon reserves the right to dispute the rate and seek a refund from PENELEC.

As for the rate calculation for the MET-ED/Verizon agreement, I have previously provided you notice that Verizon will no longer pay the unreasonable penalty rate that we are being charged if Met-Ed refuses to sell Verizon joint use poles so that Verizon can achieve parity as specified in the joint use agreement. While Verizon would prefer to purchase the poles to achieve the 55/45 ratio set forth in the Joint Use Agreements, Verizon is also willing to entertain renegotiation of the rental fee associated with the deficiency payments set forth in the Agreements. The current rental fees were established in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was negotiated and executed on June 1, 2009. However, we believe that the rate that First Energy is suggesting that Verizon pays per pole) is not just and reasonable and far in excess of the rate that Met-Ed may charge under the rules established by the FCC in its April 7, 2011 Order.

In order for Verizon to determine whether the rates, terms and conditions of our Joint Use Agreements are comparable to the rates, terms and conditions offered to our competitors, we again request that Met-Ed provide us with copies of the agreements that are offered to telecommunications carriers and cable operators that operate in the same territories as Verizon. I would point out that the FCC in its Order indicated that it expects that electric utilities will provide copies of these agreements to incumbent LECs to facilitate discussions between the parties. Without this information, Verizon cannot determine what is the appropriate rate that it should pay for attachments to Met-Ed poles but we believe that it is certainly far less than the rate that we are currently paying and most likely would be somewhere in the range of \$5.30 to \$12.10 per pole.

I'm pleased that First Energy has agreed to meet with Verizon to discuss the MET-Ed agreement with Verizon. I should know within a day or two if the October dates provided works for the Verizon team. Thanks.

Norman L. Parrish Manager - Network Engineering 180 Sheree Boulevard Suite 2100 Exton, Pa 19341 (610)-280-2152

From: <a href="mailto:lchapman@firstenergycorp.com">lchapman@firstenergycorp.com</a> [mailto:lchapman@firstenergycorp.com]

Sent: Monday, September 10, 2012 11:11 AM

To: Parrish, Norman L

**Cc:** sschafer@firstenergycorp.com; dhawk@firstenergycorp.com; kpatrick@firstenergycorp.com

**Subject:** Met-Ed and Penelec Rate Calculations

Norm,

Attached are the 2012 Verizon rate calculations based on the 2009 executed MOU and the January 2012 HWI and AUS indexes for Penelec and Met-ED. Please let me know if you concur with the calculations.

Thanks Len Chapman Penelec Joint Use 311 Industrial Park Road Johnstown, Pa 15904 Office 814-269-6693

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# Exhibit 20



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January 25, 2013

### Via Electronic Mail and Overnight Delivery

William J. Balcerski Assistant General Counsel Verizon VC54N070A One Verizon Way Basking Ridge, NJ 07920-1025

Re:

Verizon Notice of Default/Met-Ed Counter Notice of Default

Dear Mr. Balcerski:

We have been retained by FirstEnergy Corporation to help resolve the issues identified in your "Notice of Default" letter of December 13, 2012, which alleges that Metropolitan Edison ("Met-Ed") has refused to sell poles to Verizon.

Your letter suggests that Verizon may refuse to pay Met-Ed's latest invoices for deficiency payments. Those five invoices from October 2012 are attached. They total approximately and cover the deficiency in pole ownership for calendar year 2011. Obviously, a pole ownership deficiency from 2011 cannot be "cured" by any pole sale today. The Joint Use Agreements require Verizon to pay for that deficiency and your payment is past due. Accordingly, this letter serves as Met-Ed's counter Notice of Default to Verizon. Please advise when Met-Ed can expect payment for the 2011 deficiency invoices in order to cure this Default. You have 60 days in which to do so.

You claim that the Agreements require a 55:45 ownership ratio, that the Agreements require Met-Ed to sell poles to Verizon, and that Met-Ed has "steadfastly refused" for nearly three years to sell Verizon any poles. Each of these claims is incorrect.

The parties' five agreements calculate the deficiency payment based on a 55:45 ownership ratio, but the Continental Telephone (#11007) and Quaker State Telephone (#11008) agreements make any pole sale to achieve that ratio entirely optional, by requiring each Company, "if it so desires," to sell poles to the other (see Article IV). The other three (Bell Telephone, Bethel and Mt. Aetna Telephone, and York Telephone, #s 11001, 11002 and 11011), allow the parties to refuse to sell poles to the other for "good cause" (see Article X). Despite the parties' ongoing discussions and repeated requests from Met-Ed, Verizon to date has provided no evidence that it has established any wood pole inspection and maintenance ("I&M") program, or

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that it is capable of setting taller replacement poles or responding in a timely fashion to down poles in an emergency. These all appear to qualify as "good cause." Further, despite repeated opportunities for Verizon to set more poles such as new pole lines, pole relocations, storm restoration poles, and priority one poles, Verizon has shown no initiative to do so.

Verizon's apparent reluctance to invest in a pole I&M program is particularly troublesome, considering the potential safety risks. You may recall, for example, that a Denver jury awarded Andy Blood, a 25-year-old former lineman for Xcel Energy, \$39 million after he was paralyzed following the collapse of a rotted pole owned by Qwest Communications. Denver District Court Judge Sheila Rappaport increased that total award to \$84 million, reportedly based upon Qwest's failure to address its pole I&M problem even after it was sued. To its credit, Qwest then embarked on an extensive, comprehensive pole I&M program covering its entire 14-state service territory.

We have to date seen no such commitment from Verizon. Considering pole sales are "subject to any necessary regulatory approval" (see Articles IV/ X), we expect that the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission would require such a commitment before approving any sale. As you have been advised, Met-Ed has made commitments to the PUC regarding reliability and I&M standards which they consider very important to the safe and reliable operation of their system.

Contrary to your claim, it appears that Met-Ed has entertained Verizon requests to purchase poles for perhaps a year and a half, not "nearly three years." While the prospect of a pole sale appeared in a laundry list of items for discussion in an August 12, 2009 Norm Parrish letter, sent at the time the MOUs were signed, the subject did not surface again until August 2011, more than two years later.

It is perhaps no coincidence that Verizon's August 2011 interest in purchasing poles was expressed only after the FCC's April 2011 Pole Attachment Order was released. It therefore appears that Verizon's new insistence on a pole sale is being used by Verizon as leverage to renegotiate the MOUs themselves. Only two years earlier, however, Mr. Parrish praised the MOUs, which "amiably resolved" the Parties' rate issue and finally provided "a common rate structure that is fair and equitable for all the Joint Use Agreements between both companies in Pennsylvania." August 12, 2009 Parrish letter at 1. It therefore appears to Met-Ed that Verizon never intended to pay the 2011 deficiency payment and may have been acting in bad faith with respect to its existing obligations under the Agreement. In any event, Met-Ed is willing to continue discussing pole sales with Verizon.

As an alternative to a pole sale, you state that Verizon is willing to accept a new rental rate, which Verizon expects should be lower than the deficiency payment that Verizon owes to maintain the 55:45 ratio. The grate, however, is a bargain. The agreements, executed 40 years ago, required the deficiency payment to be no less than 90% of Met-Ed's

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carrying charges (see e.g., Bell Telephone agreement at XI(D)). Met-Ed's carrying charges for year-end 2011 are \$145.36, and 90% of \$145.36 is \$130.82, which is nearly the amount that Verizon is paying. It is also notable that when the Parties entered into the various MOUs in June 2009 in order to index these rates, the MOUs contained no requirement at all to sell poles.

You have indicated that Verizon is considering filing an FCC complaint to recover a lower rate. The FCC, however, has indicated that "the Commission is unlikely to find the rates, terms and conditions in existing joint use agreements unjust or unreasonable." Pole Attachment Order, 26 FCC Rcd 5240, at ¶ 216 (2011).

Met-Ed looks forward to meeting with Verizon to continue our discussions. Please let us know when Verizon may be available for such a meeting.

Sincerely,

Thomas B. Magee

Enclosures

cc:

M. Wolfe

S. Schafer



Acct Number 800143281 / 120001612221

Bill for:

**VERIZON** 

DEBBIE DELIA

2ND FLOOR

15 E MONTGOMERY AVE PITTSBURGH PA 15212

Total due by 11/22/2012

Invoice No.

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Met-Ed Poles: 26,8			
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Telco Share per co	intract: 14,209		
Deficiency: 9,462			
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PO BOX 3612 AKRON OH 44309-3612

# Exhibit 21

From: DeWitt, Deanna R [mailto:ddewitt@firstenergycorp.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 12:24 PM

**To:** Mills, Stephen C (Steve) **Cc:** Schafer, Stephen F

Subject: [E] RE: \*EXTERNAL\* FW: VZ - ME Rate Discussion

Steve,

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. We have confirmed that your records for 11007 do indeed match Met-Ed's last billing period. I have corrected and have made a few revisions to the attached spreadsheet.

Regards,

Deanna DeWitt 724-830-5967

From: stephen.c.mills@verizon.com [mailto:stephen.c.mills@verizon.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 8:51 AM

To: DeWitt, Deanna R <a href="mailto:dewitt@firstenergycorp.com">dewitt@firstenergycorp.com</a>; Schafer, Stephen F <a href="mailto:schafer@firstenergycorp.com">sschafer@firstenergycorp.com</a>>

Subject: \*EXTERNAL\* FW: VZ - ME Rate Discussion

Deanna,

Have you had a chance to look at the pole count numbers again? I wanted to be sure we have that straight before moving forward with a proposal.



Steve Mills
Consultant Contract Management
Network Operations & Engineering
Verizon Wireline Network

502 E. Piedmont St Culpeper, VA 22701

O 540.829.2711

stephen.c.mills@verizon.com

From: Mills, Stephen C (Steve)

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 3:44 PM **To:** 'DeWitt, Deanna R'; Slavin, James

Cc: Schafer, Stephen F

Subject: RE: VZ - ME Rate Discussion

Deanna,

I've been looking at the pole counts again and on your sheet it shows the same pole count numbers for the 11007 and the 11011 agreement. I believe that is where the difference is. From our records we show the 11007 agreement as having pole ownership of 776/107, Met-Ed/Verizon respectively. Can you double check the figures please? Thank you.



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**From:** DeWitt, Deanna R [mailto:ddewitt@firstenergycorp.com]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 3:00 PM **To:** Mills, Stephen C (Steve); Slavin, James

Cc: Schafer, Stephen F

Subject: [E] VZ - ME Rate Discussion

Steve and Jim,

Attached for your review is a copy of the spreadsheet with rate details from our discussion today.

Regards,

Deanna DeWitt

FirstEnergy Service Company – Joint Use 800 Cabin Hill Drive Room C208 Greensburg, PA 15601 724-830-5967 FirstEnergy

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CIN	Co. Name	VZ Poles	ME Poles	Total Poles	VZ Apportionment	ME Apportionment	VZ Deficiency Poles	Deficiency Rate	Last Billing Period	Invoice Amount
11001	Verizon of Pennsylvania Inc.	4748	26834	31582	14212	17370	9464	-	1-1-15 to 12-31-15	
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	Verizon North Inc.	2094	10897	12991	5846		3752	-	1-1-15 to 12-31-15	
11011	Verizon North Inc.	12969	51864	64833	29175	35658	16206	-	1-1-15 to 12-31-15	
	TOTALS	30023	129421	159444	71750	87694	41727			

# Joint Use Rental Calculation Verizon / Met-Ed

Example: 2015 Rate as per MOU

Based on 55:45 Ratio		Parity	Actual	Poles Deficient	MOU Rate	Net
ME	55%	87,694	129,421	0		
VZ	45%	71,750	30,023	41,727		
		159,444	159,444			

Example: 2015 Rate at 50:50 ratio

Based on 50:50 Ratio		Parity	Actual	Ownership Ratio	MOU Rate	Net
ME	50%	0	129,421	81%		
VZ	50%	0	30,023	19%		
		0	159,444			

# Exhibit 22

**From:** Mills, Stephen C (Steve) **Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 7:12 AM

**To:** Schafer, Stephen F (<u>sschafer@firstenergycorp.com</u>); <u>ddewitt@firstenergycorp.com</u> **Subject:** Verizon/First Energy Joint Use Negotiations - Verizon 2016 ARMIS Data

### Deanna and Steve:

Thank you for meeting with us by telephone last week. Attached is the 2016 Pennsylvania ARMIS data that you wanted for use in your next rate proposal.

Please let me know as soon as possible what you have learned about the other issues we discussed. As you know, it is essential that we receive copies of Met-Ed's license agreements with CLECs and cable attachers (or at least a boilerplate agreement) and the 2016-2017 new telecom rates (or ranges of rates) that Met-Ed has charged its licensees so that we can understand and evaluate your claim that the joint use agreements have and will continue to provide Verizon benefits that justify higher rental rates.

We are concerned that these negotiations have been dragging on for years. We would appreciate receiving Met-Ed's rate proposal, and the information about its license agreements and rates, by July 21. Please let me know if there is some reason why that will not be possible.

Sincerely,



Steve Mills
Consultant Contract Management
Network Operations & Engineering
Verizon Wireline Network

502 E. Piedmont St Culpeper, VA 22701

O 540.829.2711 stephen.c.mills@verizon.com

#### **POLE CALCULATION INPUTS FOR RATE YEAR 2016**

<u>y/e 2016</u>

ARMIS/Accounting Data

Source: ARMIS ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT

FCC Report 43-01, Table III, From Jan 2016 to Dec 2016

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### **Table III - Pole and Conduit Rental Calculation Information**

Row	Row Title	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Total
100	Telecommunications Plant-in-Service	1,270,688,000	144,572,000	117,537,000	15,234,348,000	16,767,145,000
101	Gross Investment - Poles	62.030.000	9,641,000	14,231,000	423.842.000	509,744,000
101	Gross Investment - Poles Gross Investment - Conduit	52,758,000	1.869.000	399.000	966,438,000	1,021,464,000
102	Gross investment - Conduit	52,758,000	1,869,000	399,000	900,438,000	1,021,404,000
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200	Accumulated Depreciation - Poles	51.358.000	8.884.000	14.712.000	559.243.000	634.197.000
202	Accumulated Depreciation - Poles  Accumulated Depreciation - Conduit	24.456.000	789.000	250.000	657.004.000	682,499,000
202	Accumulated Depreciation - Conduit	24,430,000	789,000	250,000	037,004,000	082,499,000
301	Depreciation Rate - Poles	4.50	4.50	4.50	6.70	6.70
302	Depreciation Rate - Conduit	1.80	1.80	1.80	2.60	2.60
002	Depression Nate Conduit	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00
401	Net Current Deferred Operating Income Taxes - Poles	1,126,000	0	0	0	1,126,000
402	Net Current Deferred Operating Income Taxes - Conduit	957,000	0	0	0	957,000
403	Net Current Deferred Operating Income Taxes - Total	23,052,000	0	0	0	23,052,000
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404	Net Non-current Deferred Operating Income Taxes - Poles	-13,166,000	-2,375,000	-2,774,000	-2,303,000	-20,618,000
405	Net Non-current Deferred Operating Income Taxes - Conduit	-11,198,000	-461,000	-78,000	-5,250,000	-16,987,000
406	Net Non-current Deferred Operating Income Taxes - Total	-269,706,000	-35,613,000	-22,911,000	-82,765,000	-410,995,000
501.1	Pole Maintenance Expense	611,000	1,460,000	5,000	21,435,000	23,511,000
501.2	Pole Rental Expense	2,522,000	777,000	1,988,000	22,494,000	27,781,000
501	Pole Expense	3,133,000	2,237,000	1,993,000	43,930,000	51,293,000
502.1	Conduit Maintenance Expense	-11,000	6,000	0	1,869,000	1,864,000
502.2	Conduit Rental Expense	0	0	0	0	
502	Conduit Expense	-11,000	6,000	0	1,869,000	1,864,000
503	General \$ Administrative Expense	37,195,000	2,631,000	30,000	455,533,000	495,389,000
504	Operating Taxes	1,870,000	3,100,000	4,555,000	354,101,000	363,626,000
601	Equivalent Number of Poles	140,146	19,888	31,295	936,281	1,127,610
602	Conduit System Trench Kilometers	265	19	2	10,405	10,691
603	Conduit Duct Kilometers	1,182	64	8	67,573	68,827
700	Additional Rental Calculation Information	0	0	0	0.,0.0	
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# Exhibit 23

**From:** DeWitt, Deanna R [mailto:ddewitt@firstenergycorp.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 8:56 AM

**To:** Mills, Stephen C (Steve) **Cc:** Schafer, Stephen F

Subject: [E] RE: \*EXTERNAL\* Verizon/First Energy Joint Use Negotiations - Verizon 2016 ARMIS Data

Steve,

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Met-Ed respectfully rejects your 5/22/17 reciprocal rate offer of per pole which includes a calculated rate based on Met-Ed's costs, which incidentally is lower than the current CLEC / CATV rate. Using the pre-existing telecom formula as guidance and year-end 2016 ARMIS / FERC costs, we propose the following attachment rates:

ME on VZ poles: VZ on ME poles:

Regards,

Deanna DeWitt

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FirstEnergy

From: stephen.c.mills@verizon.com [mailto:stephen.c.mills@verizon.com]

Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 7:12 AM

To: Schafer, Stephen F <sschafer@firstenergycorp.com>; DeWitt, Deanna R <ddewitt@firstenergycorp.com>

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We are concerned that these negotiations have been dragging on for years. We would appreciate receiving Met-Ed's rate proposal, and the information about its license agreements and rates, by July 21. Please let me know if there is some reason why that will not be possible.

Sincerely,



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Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 4:08 PM

**To:** Mills, Stephen C (Steve) **Cc:** Schafer, Stephen F

Subject: [E] RE: \*EXTERNAL\* Verizon/First Energy Joint Use Negotiations - Verizon 2016 ARMIS Data

Steve,

Per your request, I have attached PDFs containing data that supports the proposed rates.

In response to your question 2., your email dated 5/22/2017 included a sample calculation assumed to be based on Met-Ed's costs that yields a "VZ Rate to MetEd" of which is lower than the current rate of data attachment that Met-Ed charges CLEC/CATV attachers.

Regards,

## Deanna DeWitt

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From: Mills, Stephen C (Steve) [mailto:stephen.c.mills@verizon.com]

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Subject: RE: \*EXTERNAL\* Verizon/First Energy Joint Use Negotiations - Verizon 2016 ARMIS Data

Deanna,

Thank you for providing a copy of Met-Ed's 2017 template Pole Attachment Agreement. We are currently reviewing the terms and conditions and comparing them to those contained in the joint use agreement that we have been negotiating.

In the meantime, we have a couple questions regarding Met-Ed's proposed attachment rates of Met-Ed and Verizon respectively.

- 1. You state in your email that the rates are derived by using the "pre-existing telecom formula as guidance." Would you please provide the details of how these rates were calculated -- in particular, the formula that was used, the method by which the pole costs were calculated, and the inputs or assumptions that were used in the formula, e.g., pole height, space occupied, number of attaching entities?
- 2. You also state that Verizon's proposed rate per pole is lower than the current CLEC/CATV rate. However, Section 25(a) of the template Pole Attachment Agreement you provided states that the annual attachment rate per pole shall be the "maximum allowable rate permitted under Section 224 of

This additional information will help us evaluate Met-Ed's proposal, so we would appreciate receiving it as soon as possible.

Regards,



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Sincerely,



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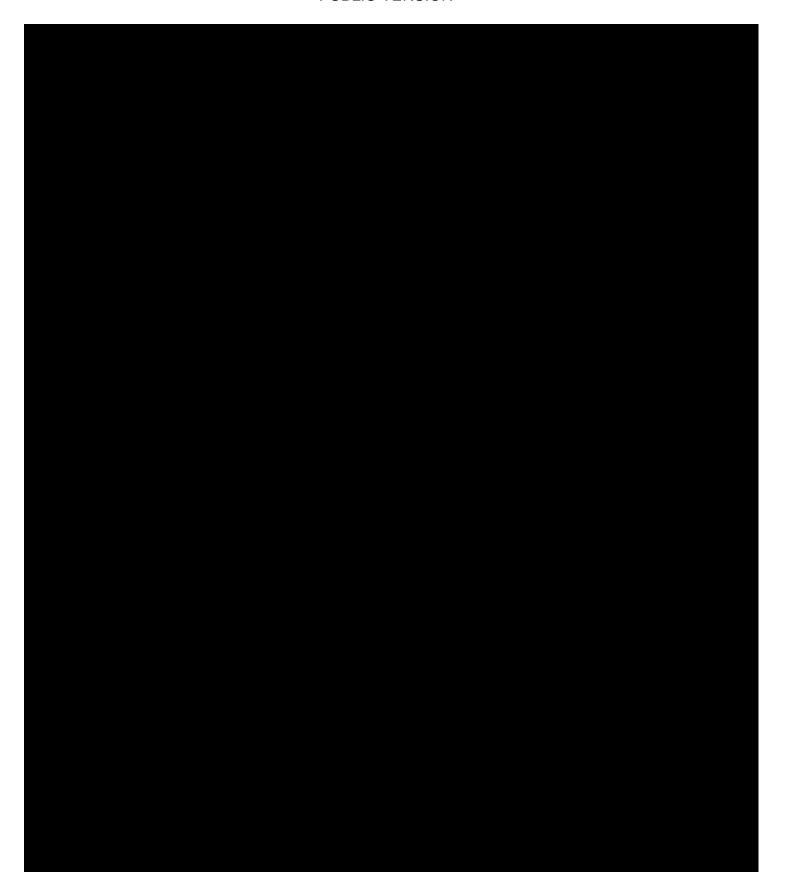
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# Exhibit 25



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November 2, 2017

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#### BY EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL

#### Dear Deanna,

Thank you for providing us a copy of Met-Ed's 2017 draft license agreement. Our purpose in originally requesting the draft back in early 2012 was to determine how the provisions of the draft license agreement, including the pole rental rate, compare to those being discussed in our ongoing effort to reach agreement on a new joint use agreement. Our review revealed that terms of the draft license agreement are not materially different from the terms of the parties' current Joint Use Agreements or the draft joint use agreement that we have been negotiating. In this respect, the draft license agreement confirms our view that Verizon has been entitled to the FCC's new telecom rental rate since the FCC issued its Pole Attachment Order back in 2011.

The Commission's recent Order in the Dominion pole attachment complaint proceeding fully supports our conclusion. The FCC's Enforcement Bureau vacated the rental rate in a "new" agreement because it was not just and reasonable and confirmed that Verizon was entitled to a refund of overpayments above the "just and reasonable' rate since the effective date of the Order. The Enforcement Bureau further confirmed that rate relief would also be warranted under an "existing" agreement if it, like the agreements here, was entered when the ILEC's pole ownership numbers placed it in an inferior bargaining position. In the Dominion proceeding, a 65% to 35% pole ownership disparity was sufficient to justify rate relief. Here, the disparity is even greater, with Met-Ed owning 81% of the joint use poles now and when the current rates were imposed on Verizon.

The Commission's Dominion Order and its pending Infrastructure NPRM confirm that the parties should be negotiating an appropriate new telecom rate for Verizon. Under our joint use arrangement, Verizon bears significant pole maintenance and replacement costs that are not imposed on our competitors. As such, Verizon does not enjoy any advantages that would justify a departure from the new telecom rate. Even under the draft joint use agreement, Verizon would not have an advantage over its competitors because we have worked to negotiate an agreement with modernized cost-causer terms and conditions.

While we appreciate Met-Ed's willingness to modify its rates, its series of offers all result in Verizon continuing to make a net annual pole payment in the dollar range. For example, in 2016, Met-Ed invoiced Verizon for about Met-Ed's next rate offer, in April 2017, reduced that payment by \$465. Similarly, its July offer would require Verizon to continue paying nearly in annual payments – about a 1.5% discount off the 2016 invoiced amount. In stark contrast, were Verizon and Met-Ed to pay properly calculated proportional new telecom rates, the limited data currently available to Verizon shows that Verizon's annual net payment, using 2016 cost data, should be about \$795,000, and possibly lower.
The latest rate offered by Met-Ed is which is over times the new telecom rate that Met-Ed charges Verizon's competitors. In addition to this rate not being calculated under the new telecom rate formula, it is inflated by Met-Ed assigning Verizon 3 feet of occupied space, even though Verizon does not use 3 feet of space on Met-Ed's poles (nor is Verizon even allocated 3 feet of space under the Joint Use Agreements). Met-Ed also uses an average of 3.33 attaching entities but has not provided any survey evidence that supports this number. Verizon also notes that the number is different from Met-Ed's earlier position that its poles average 4 attaching entities. In the absence of actual data, the FCC's presumptive inputs apply.
In the Dominion Order, the Commission found that it was unjust and unreasonable for a power company to demand that Verizon pay a higher rate than the power company is willing to pay for the use of more space on each joint use pole. In our case, while Met-Ed occupies significantly more space on each pole than Verizon, it proposes to pay Verizon per pole for that space, while proposing to charge Verizon per pole.
Despite our efforts for nearly six years to agree on a just and reasonable rate, we have not been successful. Therefore, Verizon requests that executives of the parties with sufficient authority meet as soon as possible to resolve this dispute. If we are unable to reach agreement on a just and reasonable rental rate at the face-to-face meeting, Verizon will have no other option than to seek rate relief at the FCC and refunds for the amounts it has overpaid.
Please let us know as soon as possible when Met-Ed is available to meet during the next four weeks. If it will facilitate scheduling, Verizon is amenable to meeting at a location of Met-Ed's choosing.
Sincerely,  Shale Mul
Stephen Mills

# Exhibit 26



Deanna R. DeWitt Supervisor, Corporate Joint Use 800 Cabin Hill Dr. Greensburg, PA 15601 (724) 830-5967

December 20, 2017

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# BY EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Steve,

I received the letter you sent in November, please accept my apologies for the delay in getting back to you. I hope you will receive this letter in the spirit of our sincere desire to continue negotiations in this matter. I believe that further progress can be made, as our rental rate discussions have not run their course.

Our initial communications on this matter involved setting the ground work for approaching the conversation. As you recall, on April 3, 2017, we discussed the concept of establishing a frame of reference regarding the rental rates. The outcome of this exercise pole) was not intended to represent an offer. Thereafter on May 22, 2017, you communicated Verizon's first proposal based on the FCC's new telecom formula rate using each party's respective costs. Your calculation resulted in a rental rate of the for Verizon to Met-Ed, and for Met-Ed to Verizon. You proposed splitting the difference between these two rates for a reciprocal rate of pole, less than one-third the effective contract rate. As you noted in your May email, Verizon proposed to decrease the current contractual billing from approximately annually to barely over annually.

Met-Ed rejected this offer, and after the parties exchanged more information, Met-Ed proposed to use the FCC's pre-2011 telecom rate formula to guide our negotiations. Met-Ed's calculation using that formula resulted in rates of for Verizon to Met-Ed and for Met-Ed to Verizon, based on 2016 FERC and ARMIS data, respectively. In late July, you requested details of this rate calculation to help Verizon evaluate its offer, which I sent to you in early August. Nearly two months later, I sent follow-up inquiry as to whether I could provide more information to assist Verizon in its review of our first counter-offer. You replied in the negative.

Frankly, I was somewhat surprised that your next communication was not a counter-offer or further discussion about our positions, but instead characterized our dialogue as a stalemate and requested the matter to be escalated to executives within our companies to attempt to resolve as if no further progress was possible between us. I can't help but wonder if there hasn't been some misunderstanding that lead to this conclusion. I realize that there have been periods of delay between us, such as from work stoppage at Verizon, and storm duty at Met-Ed, but I would hope that we can agree that such delays did not signify unwillingness to negotiate.

I apologize if there was any miscommunication on my part. Of course, I'm happy to set in motion arrangements for an executive level meeting as you have requested; however, I'm hoping that you will agree to further negotiation efforts between us before simply sending it up the ladder to our respective executives. For example, you raised for the first time in your November letter that you believe the new draft agreement was drafted with the intent to eliminate joint use ILEC benefits. From Met-Ed's perspective, there are a number of such benefits that remain in the draft agreement, the starting point for which as you may know began with Verizon's template—not Met-Ed's. It also seems to me that there are a number of factual details to be discussed that have a bearing on an appropriate rental rate before this matter would be ripe for executive level discussions.

Please let me know if you are willing to continue to negotiate at our level, or whether you insist on proceeding to executive level discussions.

Best Regards,

Dianna R. DeWitt

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# Exhibit 27

Steven E. Strah Senior Vice President and President, Utilities Business FirstEnergy Corp. 76 South Main Street Akron, Ohio 44308

#### BY CERTIFIED MAIL

Re: Verizon's Pole Attachment Agreements with Met-Ed, Penelec, Potomac Edison, and Penn Power

Dear Mr. Strah:

You may be aware that representatives from our companies have been in discussions since early 2012 in an effort to revise our Joint Use Agreements to conform with the Federal Communication Commission's 2011 *Pole Attachment Order*. That *Order* recognized that Verizon, like its CLEC and cable competitors, is entitled to just and reasonable, competitively neutral rates, terms, and conditions for its pole attachments.

To date, Verizon has worked with Stephen Schafer and Deanna DeWitt to replace Verizon's agreement with Met-Ed, with the expectation that any new agreement could then be replicated across Verizon's relationships with Penelec, Potomac Edison, and Penn Power. Throughout the negotiations, Verizon has been more than willing to compromise. But while the parties have made progress with respect to the operational aspects of a new agreement, FirstEnergy has failed to offer a rental rate or annual payment amount that approaches the requirements of federal law. For example, in 2016, Met-Ed invoiced Verizon for an annual net payment of Met-Ed's two subsequent offers would have required Verizon to make essentially the same annual net payment. In contrast, had First Energy complied with federal law and assigned properly calculated and proportional new telecom rates to both parties, it should have reduced (assuming rates calculated using 2016 cost Verizon's annual net payment by over figures, other data available to Verizon, and conservative estimates for data FirstEnergy has not yet provided Verizon). We have reviewed Met-Ed's template license agreement, which confirmed that Verizon has not enjoyed under the current Joint Use Agreements, and will not enjoy under the new agreement as presently drafted, any material advantages relative to its competitors, and certainly none that would justify this extraordinary difference in annual payments.

Verizon has sought rate relief from the FCC in the past, as you may know from the attached Order that was issued in Verizon's dispute with Dominion Energy Virginia. This Order and the Commission's pending Infrastructure NPRM confirm that the Commission is willing to enforce Verizon's right to just and reasonable rates. But our strong preference is for a negotiated resolution. To this end, my team and I would like to sit down with FirstEnergy's senior executives and make one final effort to reach agreement in this longstanding dispute over the pole attachment rates required by the 2011 *Pole Attachment Order*. In the attached November 2nd letter, Verizon asked Ms. DeWitt for meeting dates during the month of November. As of this writing, FirstEnergy has not responded to Verizon's request.

With your involvement, I am hopeful that we can reach a business deal that eliminates the need for the FCC's involvement. To aid in our discussions, I am attaching our rental rate calculations for Verizon, Met-Ed, Penelec, Potomac Edison, and Penn Power. These are based on the best data available to us, and show that FirstEnergy has overcharged Verizon by about on average each year since the 2011 *Pole Attachment Order* took effect. In the Dominion matter, the Commission confirmed that Verizon was entitled to refunds going back as far as the statute of limitations permits. Under this standard, Verizon would be entitled to at least that it has overpaid to FirstEnergy.

Please let us know as soon as possible when FirstEnergy is available to meet in January or early February. If it will facilitate scheduling, Verizon is amenable to meeting at a location of FirstEnergy's choosing.

Sincerely,

Brian H. Trosper

Vice President – Network Operations

& Engineering

Verizon Communications

**Enclosures** 

# **Attachments**

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# **Attachment A**

# Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

v.	)	
	) )	
Virginia Electric and Power Company	)	
d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power,	)	
-	)	
Respondent.	)	

Adopted: May 1, 2017 Released: May 1, 2017

By the Acting Chief, Market Disputes Resolution Division:

## I. INTRODUCTION

1. In this interim Order, we address two threshold issues raised in a pole attachment complaint by Verizon Virginia, LLC and Verizon South, Inc. (collectively, Verizon) against Dominion Virginia Power (Dominion), challenging the contractual rates that Verizon pays to attach to Dominion's electric utility poles. First, we find that the rates Verizon pays for its attachments to Dominion's poles are not just and reasonable, in violation of Section 224(b)(1) of the Communications Act. Second, we conclude that Verizon is entitled to a refund of overpayments it may have made prior to filing its Complaint, subject to true up of the post-Complaint period in question. We issue this interim order on two threshold issues to expedite final resolution of this case in a subsequent order or by settlement.<sup>1</sup>

### II. BACKGROUND

# A. Legal Framework

2. Pole attachment rates are the charges that owners of utility poles, including electric utility companies, assess when cable television operators, telecommunications carriers, and others attach their lines to utility poles. Section 224(b)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), authorizes the Commission to adopt rules to ensure, *inter alia*, that the rates, terms, and conditions of "pole attachments" are "just and reasonable." Prior to 2011, the Commission construed the "just and reasonable" requirement of Section 224(b)(1) to apply to attachments by cable companies and competitive local exchange carriers (LECs), but not to attachments by incumbent LECs, like Verizon.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> We express no views at this time with respect to the remaining issues raised in the Complaint.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 224(b)(1); *id.*, § 224(a)(4) (definition of "pole attachment"). *See also* 47 CFR §§ 1.1401-1.1424 (Pole Attachment Complaint Procedures).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Implementation of Section 224; A National Broadband Plan for our Future, Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, 26 FCC Red 5240, 5328, para. 205 & n.614 (2011) (Pole Attachment Order), aff'd sub nom. Am. Elec. Power Serv. Corp. v. FCC, 708 F.3d 183 (D.C. Cir. 2013).

Under separate provisions codified in subsections 224(d) and (e),<sup>4</sup> respectively, the Commission established formulas to calculate just and reasonable pole attachment rates for cable attachers (Cable Rate) and competitive LEC attachers (Old Telecom Rate).<sup>5</sup>

- 3. In 2011, the Commission released the *Pole Attachment Order*, in which it adopted a revised formula under Section 224(e) for computing the pole attachment rate paid by competitive LECs (New Telecom Rate), "thereby reducing the disparity between current telecommunications and cable rates." The Commission also concluded for the first time that the "just and reasonable" requirement of Section 224(b)(1) applies to the rates, terms, and conditions governing attachments by incumbent LECs, such as Verizon. The record indicated that, although incumbent LECs had in the past owned nearly as many poles as electric utility companies, incumbent LEC pole ownership rates had declined, leading the Commission to conclude that "market forces and independent negotiations may not be alone sufficient to ensure just and reasonable rates, terms and conditions for incumbent LEC[] pole attachments." The order identified "a need for targeted Commission oversight" of incumbent LEC attachment agreements "to ensure just and reasonable rates, terms, and conditions that might not otherwise result from negotiations standing alone."
- 4. In the *Pole Attachment Order*, the Commission also recognized the necessity of analyzing incumbent LEC attachment rates "in a manner that accounts for the potential differences between incumbent LECs and telecommunications carrier or cable operator attachers." It noted that incumbent LECs are unique in that they own many poles and have historically obtained access to electric utility poles through "joint use" agreements. The Commission observed that such joint use arrangements typically provide incumbent LECs a number of advantages not afforded to telecommunications carrier and cable attachers, such as guaranteed space on poles, lower make-ready costs, and the ability to attach without obtaining advance approval. In light of those differences, the Commission did not adopt a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 224(d) (describing cable rate formula); *id.* § 224(e) (describing telecommunications carrier rate formula).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Pole Attachment Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 5296-97, paras. 129-31 (discussing adoption of separate formulas for determining maximum allowable just and reasonable pole attachment rates for providers of cable service and telecommunications carriers). For purposes of Section 224, the term "telecommunications carrier"- which is otherwise defined as "any provider of telecommunications services," 47 U.S.C. § 153(51) - "does not include any incumbent local exchange carrier." See 47 U.S.C. § 224(a)(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> *Pole Attachment Order*, 26 FCC Rcd at 5244, para. 8. The Old Telecom Rate compensated pole owners for "fully allocated costs," which are the costs a pole owner incurs in installing and maintaining poles even if there are no other attachers. The New Telecom Rate excludes recovery for a number of these costs, and usually results in a rate that is closer to the Cable Rate. *Id.*, 26 FCC Rcd at 5300-01, paras. 141-42.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See id., 26 FCC Rcd at 5331, para. 209 ("incumbent LECs are entitled to pole attachment rates, terms and conditions that are just and reasonable pursuant to Section 224(b)(1)"); see also id. at 5243-44, 5327-28, 5330, paras. 8, 202, 208. Unlike cable and competitive LEC attachers, however, incumbent LECs have no right of access to utilities' poles pursuant to Section 224(f)(1). Id. at 5328, 5329-30, 5332-33, paras. 202, 207, 212 & n.643.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> *Id.* at 5328-29, para. 206.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> *Id.* at 5327, para. 199.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> *Id.* at 5244, para. 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> *Id.* at 5333, para. 214.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> *Id.* at 5334, para. 214.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> *Id.* at 5335, para. 216 n.654.

formula for calculating the rate to be paid by incumbent LECs, opting instead to resolve incumbent LEC disputes on a case-by-case basis in complaint proceedings brought before the Commission. <sup>14</sup> The Commission found it reasonable to use the Old Telecom Rate "as a reference point" in complaint proceedings filed by incumbent LECs to "account for particular arrangements that provide net advantages to incumbent LECs" relative to competitive LECs. <sup>15</sup>

# B. The Joint Use Agreements and the Parties' Dispute

5. Dominion and both Verizon South and Verizon Virginia have longstanding relationships as joint users of poles owned by Dominion or Verizon in the parties' overlapping service areas in Virginia. 16 The record reflects that Dominion has at all times relevant to this proceeding owned approximately 65 percent of the parties' joint use poles. 17 In 2006, Dominion and Verizon South began negotiating a new joint use agreement to replace a prior agreement in effect since 1978. 18 Thereafter, Dominion and Verizon Virginia similarly agreed to replace their prior joint use agreement in effect since 1992. 19 Although the parties concluded negotiations and reached an agreement in principal in late 2010, Dominion and Verizon executed virtually identical agreements (Joint Use Agreements) 20 in May and August 2011, respectively, 21 with an effective date of January 1, 2011. 22

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> *Id.* at 5328, 5334, paras. 203, 214. *See also id.* at 5287, para. 102 & n.319 (indicating that in order to expedite pole attachment complaints, "whenever possible, the Enforcement Bureau will resolve pole attachment complaints itself, to the extent permitted by its delegated authority.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> *Id.* at 5337, para. 218.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> See Verizon Virginia LLC and Verizon South Inc. v. Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a/ Dominion Virginia Power, Proceeding No. 15-190, Bureau ID No. EB-15-MD-006, Pole Attachment Complaint, at 42, para. 90 (Aug. 3, 2015) (Compl.) (referencing the parties' decades-old relationship); Verizon Virginia LLC and Verizon South Inc. v. Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a/ Dominion Virginia Power, Proceeding No. 15-190, Bureau ID No. EB-15-MD-006, Response to Pole Attachment Complaint, at 4 (Nov. 18, 2015) (Resp.) (referencing a succession of reciprocal attachment agreements dating back over seventy years). Any reference to the parties' historic joint use agreements includes any predecessor companies of the parties, as relevant.

<sup>17</sup> The shared Dominion-Verizon network consists of [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL] [END CONFIDENTIAL] poles, with Dominion owning or controlling [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL] [END CONFIDENTIAL] poles (65 percent) and Verizon owning or controlling [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL] [END CONFIDENTIAL] poles (35 percent). *See* Compl. at 6-7, para. 6; Resp., Exh. B (Declaration of William Zarakas) at 3, para. 4 (Zarakas Decl.); Resp. at 13 ("[T]he parties agree that the balance of pole ownership between Dominion and Verizon has not varied over the last several decades of their joint use relationship."); *see also* Reply at 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Compl., Exh. B (Affidavit of Stephen Mills) at 4, para. 10 (Mills Aff.); Resp., Exh. A (Declaration of Michael Graf) at 3, 5, paras. 5, 10 (Graf Decl.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Compl., Exh. B (Mills Aff.) at 4, para. 10; Resp., Exh. A (Graf Decl.) at 5, para. 10 n.9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See Compl., Exh. 1, General Joint-Use Agreement Between Verizon Virginia and Dominion (Jan. 1, 2011) (Verizon Virginia Agreement); Compl., Exh. 2, General Joint-Use Agreement Between Verizon South and Dominion (Jan. 1, 2011) (Verizon South Agreement).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Compl. at 6, para. 5 & n.17; Resp. at 5 & n.14; *id.*, Exh. A (Graf Decl.) at 3, 5, 6, 7, paras. 5, 10, 14, 16; Compl., Exh. B (Mills Aff.) at 4, 6-7, paras. 10, 18. Although Verizon does not indicate when the Joint Use Agreements were executed, it does not dispute Dominion's representation that they were executed by Dominion and Verizon in May and August 2011, respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> See Joint Use Agreements, Recitals.

6. The Joint Use Agreements reserve [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL] [END
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[END CONFIDENTIAL] of usable space to Verizon. <sup>23</sup> They also include, <i>inter alia</i> , [BEGIN
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7. In a letter dated October 8, 2013, Verizon notified Dominion of its request for [BEGIN
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[END CONFIDENTIAL] <sup>27</sup> Over the next several months, the parties participated in
extensive negotiations, including private mediation, in an effort to resolve their differences regarding the
annual pole rental rates. <sup>28</sup> In light of their failure to agree on an alternative rate framework, Dominion has
continued to bill Verizon for its attachments to Dominion's poles in accordance with the Joint Use
Agreements. <sup>29</sup>
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<sup>23</sup> Joint Use Agreements, Exh. D; Compl. at 10, para. 13; Resp. at 18.
<sup>24</sup> Joint Use Agreements, Art. 33 & Exhs. A-F. [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]

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CONFIDENTIAL] Joint Use Agreements, Art. 11.02.

<sup>27</sup> Compl., Exh. 13 (Letter from Stephen Mills, Verizon, to Arlie Hahn, Dominion (Oct. 8, 2013) (October 2013 Letter)). Article 33.08 of the Joint Use Agreements states:

[END CONFIDENTIAL] Id.



<sup>28</sup> Compl. at 13-17, paras. 21-30; Resp. at 7-9. These discussions concluded on May 29, 2015. See Compl., Exh. 23 (Email from John Douglass, private mediator, to Christopher Huther, Counsel for Verizon, and Brett Heather Freedson, Counsel for Dominion (June 2, 2015)). Most recently, the parties participated in staff supervised mediation at the Commission. See Letter from Lisa Boehley, FCC, to Christopher Huther and Claire Evans, Verizon, and Brett Heather Freedson, Charles Zdebski, and Robert Gastner, Dominion (June 23, 2016) (commencing Mediation Process); Letter from Rosemary McEnery, FCC, to Christopher Huther and Claire Evans, Verizon, and Brett Heather Freedson, Charles Zdebski, and Robert Gastner, Dominion (Nov. 17, 2016) (concluding Mediation Process).

<sup>29</sup> Resp. at 9 & n.39 (referencing Joint Use Agreements, Arts. 33.07, 33.08). For their attachments on Dominion-owned poles, Verizon Virginia and Verizon South were charged under the Joint Use Agreements the following per pole rental rates for 2011 through 2015, respectively: [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]

[END CONFIDENTIAL] For its attachments on Verizon Virginia-owned poles during this same time

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Joint Use Agreements, Art. 11.01.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Id. Art. 11.02 states, however, that [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]

# 8. [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]

[END CONFIDENTIAL]<sup>32</sup> In October 2016, Dominion provided to Verizon a "Notice of Default" alleging *inter alia* that Verizon had failed to remit full payment for annual pole rental fees for the 2015 and 2016 rate years.<sup>33</sup> Dominion alleges that Verizon has withheld more than \$10 million of annual pole rental fees owed to Dominion under the parties' agreements.<sup>34</sup>

## C. The Pole Attachment Complaint

9. In its Complaint, Verizon alleges that the annual pole rental rate in the Joint Use Agreements is unjust and unreasonable under Section 224 and the Commission's pole attachment rules.<sup>35</sup> According to Verizon, the "exorbitant" rate in the Joint Use Agreements "resulted from Dominion's superior bargaining power and the insufficiency of 'market forces and independent negotiations . . . to ensure just and reasonable rates." Verizon maintains that it does not receive under the Joint Use Agreements "any unique benefits" that would justify a higher rate than the rates paid by other carriers that attach to Dominion's poles, and therefore asks the Commission to set its rate at the "properly calculated" New Telecom Rate and to refund to Verizon any "overpayments" it has made under the agreements since the

period, Dominion was charged under the Joint Use Agreements the following per pole rental rates: [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL] [END CONFIDENTIAL] For its attachments on Verizon South-owned poles, Dominion was charged under the Joint Use Agreements the following per pole rental rates: [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL] [END CONFIDENTIAL]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Resp. at 23; Reply at 3, 56-57.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Resp. at 23; Reply at 3, 5, 57. Dominion states that Verizon's 2015 payment represents 11 percent of the total annual pole rental fees invoiced for that year pursuant to the Joint Use Agreements. Resp. at 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Resp. at 23; Reply at 3, 57. In November 2015, Dominion brought a state court action against Verizon in an effort to enforce the Joint Use Agreement rates. *See* Compl., *Va. Elec. and Power Co. v. Verizon Virginia LLC and Verizon South Inc.*, Case No. CL15-3029-00 (Va. Cir. Ct. Nov. 18, 2015) (pending).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Letter from Anthony Barni, Dominion, to Verizon Virginia and Verizon South at 1-2 (Oct. 13, 2016) (providing Verizon 60 days under Article 13.03 of the Joint Use Agreements to "cure the above defaults"). Over Verizon's objections, Dominion notified Verizon upon expiration of the 60-day "cure period" of its plan, "effective immediately, [to decline] to authorize any additional attachments requested by Verizon" under the Joint Use Agreements. *See* Letter from Anthony Barni, Dominion, to Verizon South and Verizon Virginia at 1 (Dec. 13, 2016) (also reserving "the right to remove, without any further notice to Verizon . . . any attachment made without Dominion's authorization in violation of this mandate"); *see also* Letter from David Gudino, Verizon, to Anthony Barni, Dominion at 1 (Nov. 1, 2016); Letter from Christopher Huther, Verizon, to Brett Heather Freedson, Dominion at 1-2 (Dec. 9, 2016).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Letter from Brett Heather Freedson, Dominion, to Christopher Killion, FCC at 1-2 (Jan. 6, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Compl. at 5, 7-8, 50, paras. 1 (citing 47 U.S.C. § 224 and 47 CFR §§ 1.1401-1.1424), 8-9, 107. Both parties note that the Commonwealth of Virginia has not certified that it regulates the rates, terms, and conditions for pole attachments in the manner established by Section 224, such as would preempt the Commission's jurisdiction over pole attachments in Virginia. *See* Compl. at 5, para. 4; Resp. at 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Compl. at 7-8, para. 8 (quoting *Pole Attachment Order*, 26 FCC Rcd at 5327, para. 199); Reply at 22.

July 12, 2011 effective date of the *Pole Attachment Order*.<sup>37</sup> In the alternative, if the Joint Use Agreements *do* provide Verizon a material advantage relative to competitive attachers, Verizon argues that it should pay no more than the Old Telecom Rate.<sup>38</sup>

### III. DISCUSSION

## A. Standards for Commission Review of Incumbent LEC Complaints

10. In the *Pole Attachment Order*, the Commission held that incumbent LEC attachers are entitled to the protections of Section 224(b), but "decline[d] . . . to adopt comprehensive rules governing" incumbent LEC pole attachments, opting instead "to proceed on a case-by-case basis." The Commission identified certain factors that it would consider, however, in determining the "need for targeted Commission oversight to ensure just and reasonable rates, terms, and conditions" including, whether a particular joint use agreement pre or post-dates the *Pole Attachment Order*. In particular, the Commission expressed reluctance to disturb terms or conditions in joint use agreements that were entered into prior to the adoption of the *Pole Attachment Order* between parties with relatively equal bargaining power, and indicated that it would be "unlikely to find the rates, terms and conditions in [such] *existing* joint use agreements unjust or unreasonable." By contrast, the Commission stated that it would review *new* joint use agreements, *i.e.*, those entered into following adoption of the *Pole Attachment Order*, "based on the totality of those agreements," and consistent with the Commission's directives regarding similar treatment of similarly situated providers. 42

11. In this case, Dominion asserts that the Joint Use Agreements are "existing" agreements, "entitled to the presumption of having resulted from balanced arms-length negotiations between Dominion and Verizon." Dominion notes that the negotiations, which spanned several years, concluded prior to the *Pole Attachment Order* and that the effective date in the agreements predates the *Pole Attachment Order* by several months. Dominion therefore urges the Commission "to defer to the negotiated terms and conditions" in those agreements. In its Reply, Verizon argues that, unlike the "historic" joint use agreements contemplated in the Commission's discussion, the present agreements are not long-standing and were not signed until after the date of the *Pole Attachment Order*, giving the parties

END CONFIDENTIAL] Compl. at 3-4 & n.11; Reply at 22-23, 58-59.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Compl. at 7-8, 17-39, 43-46, paras. 8, 32-84, 93-98; see also Verizon Virginia LLC and Verizon South Inc. v. Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a/ Dominion Virginia Power, Proceeding No. 15-190, Bureau ID No. EB-15-MD-006, Pole Attachment Complaint Reply at 77 (Feb. 9, 2016) (Reply). [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]

<sup>38</sup> Compl. at 48-49, paras. 101-104; Reply at 83 n.462.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Pole Attachment Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 5334, para. 214.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Id., 26 FCC Rcd at 5243-44, 5328, 5333-37, paras. 8, 203, 214-19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> *Id.*, 26 FCC Rcd at 5334-35, para. 216 (emphasis added) & n.654 ("Nothing in the record suggests that existing agreements between incumbent LECs and electric utilities were entered into with the expectation that their provisions would be subject to Commission review.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> *Id.*, 26 FCC Rcd at 5336, para. 216 & n.656.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Resp. at 12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> *Id.* at 11 (noting that the Commission has "repeatedly stated its intent to defer to the negotiated terms and conditions of historic joint use agreements, such as those governing the relationship between Dominion and Verizon").

reason to expect that their provisions would be subject to Commission review. 46

12. Due to the unique circumstances presented here, we conclude that the Joint Use Agreements should be considered "new" agreements, notwithstanding their pre-*Pole Attachment Order* effective date, because (1) they were executed several months after the Commission released the *Pole Attachment Order*, thus affording both parties the opportunity to assess their rights and responsibilities under that order, <sup>47</sup> and (2) they were not simply extensions of long-standing agreements, [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]

13. Although Dominion concedes that an incumbent LEC's inferior bargaining position and inability to terminate an agreement are also factors the Commission may consider in evaluating an incumbent LEC's pole attachment complaint, it claims that Verizon has demonstrated neither circumstance. While pointing to rate reductions accorded Verizon in the Joint Use Agreements as evidence of Verizon's bargaining power, Dominion fails to mention that, after four years of intensive rate negotiations, the rate reductions to which it refers were offset by significantly greater rate reductions achieved by Dominion. After four years of negotiations, the record reflects that the per-pole rate charged to Verizon [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]

[END CONFIDENTIAL] even though Dominion uses significantly more space on each joint use pole than Verizon.<sup>51</sup> The record also reflects a consistent disparity in relative pole ownership levels throughout the course of the parties' joint use relationship, with Dominion owning 65 percent and Verizon owning 35 percent of the joint use poles at all relevant times.<sup>52</sup> Recognizing the Commission's

CONFIDENTIAL]; Resp., Exh. C (Declaration of Michael Roberts) at 3, para. 7 (Roberts Decl.) [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]

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50 Resp. at 13 (stating that the Joint Use Agreements resulted in a [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]

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[END CONFIDENTIAL] See Resp. at 13-14;

Resp., Exh. A (Graf Decl.) at 5-6, paras. 12-13. Dominion also claims that Verizon could have increased its pole

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Reply at 8-10; *id.* at 10 ("The Joint Use Agreement[s] remain[] 2011 agreement[s] signed with complete knowledge of the Commission's rate reforms.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Compl. Exh. 18 (Letter from Steven Mills, Verizon, to Arlie Hahn, Dominion at 1 (March 25, 2014) (noting that "the current agreements were signed a few months after the FCC 11-50 ruling . . . .") (March 2014 Letter)); Resp., Exh. A (Graf Decl.) at 7, para. 16 (noting that Dominion signed the Joint Use Agreements in May 2011, but did not receive the countersigned documents from Verizon until August 1, 2011).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> See, e.g., Resp., Exh. A (Graf Decl.) at 3, paras. 5, 6 (noting that the Joint Use Agreements were the "first identical agreements that Dominion authorized for both of Verizon's operating companies within the parties' shared service area[,]"[BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Resp. at 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> See Section III.B infra.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Compl. at 11, para. 16; Resp. at 4-5. Although Dominion faults Verizon for not doing more to increase its own pole ownership stake in the parties' joint use network, it concedes that Verizon [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]

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concern that an incumbent LEC's minority pole ownership status may negatively impact the incumbent LEC's bargaining position, we find that Dominion's nearly two-to-one pole ownership advantage, along with the significant disparity in the per-pole rates charged to each party, constitutes probative evidence of Verizon's inferior bargaining position relative to Dominion.<sup>53</sup>

14. Finally, review of the Joint Use Agreements is appropriate based on evidence demonstrating that Verizon "genuinely lacks the ability to terminate [the agreements] and obtain a new arrangement."<sup>54</sup> [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]

[END CONFIDENTIAL] we agree with Verizon that it "genuinely lacks the ability to terminate" the agreements.<sup>55</sup>

# B. The Joint Use Agreement Rate Is Not Just and Reasonable Under Section 224(b)

15. Verizon offers two main arguments to support its claim that the Joint Use Agreement rates are not just and reasonable. First, Verizon argues that any unique advantages that it receives under the Joint Use Agreements do not justify a rate that it contends is [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]

[END CONFIDENTIAL] According to Verizon, the 2015 New and Old Telecom Rates were \$6.51 and \$9.87 "per pole," respectively. 56 By Verizon's calculations, the [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL] [END CONFIDENTIAL] per pole rate that it pays under the Joint Use Agreements therefore exceeds the New Telecom Rate by approximately [BEGIN]

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Pole Attachment Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 5327, para. 199 (noting potential impact of disparate pole ownership on parties' relative bargaining power); see also id. at 5329, para. 206 & n.618 (expressing concern that, because electric utilities, in the aggregate, own approximately 65-70 percent of all poles today, "incumbent LECs... may not be in an equivalent bargaining position with electric utilities in pole attachment negotiations in some cases"). Dominion asserts that, because the parties' relative ownership percentages have not varied over the years, the 65-35 ratio here does not implicate Commission concerns about unequal bargaining power given that the Commission stated a concern only with respect to increasing pole ownership disparities between utilities and incumbent LECs. Resp. at 12-13. The Commission, however, did not limit its holding to situations in which a pole ownership disparity was increasing, and we reject the suggestion that such a limitation was intended given that it would deny relief to incumbent LECs whose inferior bargaining positions have continuously impacted their ability to negotiate a just and reasonable rate over time. See Pole Attachment Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 5334-35, para. 216 (noting that "long-standing agreements generally were entered into at a time when incumbent LECs... were in a more balanced negotiating position with electric utilities, at least based on relative pole ownership.") (emphasis added).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> See Pole Attachment Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 5335-36, para. 216 ("To the extent that an incumbent LEC can demonstrate that it genuinely lacks the ability to terminate an existing agreement and obtain a new arrangement, the Commission can consider that as appropriate in a complaint proceeding.").

<sup>[</sup>END CONFIDENTIAL] Compl. at 6, para. 5 (quoting *Pole Attachment Order*, 26 FCC Rcd at 5335-36, para. 216); see also id. at 6 n.19; Reply at 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> See Reply at 83 & n.462.